

Item No.06:

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No.93 of 2023(SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion **SUO MOTU**
based on the News Item in The Hindu,
Newspaper dt: 07.06.2023, **Study finds
disturbing evidence of marine plastic
pollution off Kerala coast.**

And

The Member Secretary,
Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 26.02.2026.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. PRASHANT GARGAVA, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu.

For Respondent(s): Mr. G. Prabhu for R1.
 Mrs. Nivedita S Menon represented
 Mrs. Rema Smrithi for R3.

ORDER

1. The report dated 30.01.2026 of the Kerala SCZMA is filed.

2. As the Local Self Government Department, State of Kerala, is a necessary party to this proceeding, it is suo motu impleaded as additional Respondent No.4 and is directed to file a report in this regard, in view of the Kerala SPCB's specific statement that it is responsible for clearing the coast.

3. Let notice be issued to the newly added respondent through the Tribunal.

4. The Registry is directed to carry out the amendment in the cause title.

5. Post the matter on 28.04.2026.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Prashant Gargava, EM

O.A. No.93/2023(SZ)
26th February, 2026. AD.