

Item No.08:

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

Appeal No. 33 of 2022 (SZ)
(Through Video Conference)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Meenava Thanthai K.R. Selvaraj Kumar,
Meenavar Nala Singam, Royapuram,
Chennai.

...Appellant(s)

Versus

Union of India, Rep by its Secretary,
MoEF&CC, New Delhi and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 30.11.2022.

CORAM:

HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Appellant(s):

Mr. G. Stanly Hebzon Singh

For Respondent(s):

Mr. Meyappan represented
Mrs. Me. Sarashwathy for R1
Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R2&R4
Ms. Aarthi represented
Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith for R3
Mr. A.S. Balaji for R5

ORDER

1. This is a challenge to the Environmental Clearance dated 31.03.2022 obtained by the 5th respondent, the project proponent who is a Pharma Company. According to them it is only an expansion project increasing from the existing capacity of 25.5 TPM to 134.082 TPM which is more than five times and which would also increase the pollution.
2. As there is a stay operating against the project proponent, it is stated that no activity has been taken up as of now. It is now stated that the Vedanthangal Lake Bird Sanctuary is notified as Ramsar land. If that is so, let the relevant material to show the same be produced by the State Government.
3. As per G.O.Ms. 199 dated 03.07.1999, Survey No. 220 where the lake is located, 5km surrounding the Vedanthangal Village, Maduranthakam Taluk, Kancheepuram is declared as an Ecological Bird Sanctuary where any activity can be taken up except that of pharma activity. The project proponent, who is the 5th respondent, states that his unit is located at 3.72 Km west from the bird sanctuary.
4. It is stated that the wildlife corridors is within 10km from the project site and the project proponent also applied for NBWL clearance and it is said to be under consideration by the Wildlife Division. In the form-I it is stated that there is Valluvapakkam Reserved forest adjacent to the

site of the eastern side. If that is so whether they have obtained the required permission, if any, from the Forest Department.

5. The project proponent has filed his report dated 12.10.2022 for which the applicant seeks time to respond. Hence, we call upon the PCCF-Forest Department and MoEF&CC to file their reports answering the above.
6. Post the matter on 19.01.2023.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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