

Item No.14:

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

(Through Video Conference)

Original Application No.103 of 2023(SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion **SUO MOTU**
based on the news item published in 'The
Times of India' Chennai Edition dated
31.07.2023, "**Kosasthalaiyar River turns a
dump yard - Local Bodies use stretch at
Puzhal to dispose waste**".

The District Collector,
Tiruvallur and Ors.

And

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 23.09.2024.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu.

For Respondent(s): Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1 to R4.
Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith for R5.

ORDER

1. The reports of the District Collector – Tiruvallur as well as the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board are filed.

2. The District Collector has stated that the work has already begun at the Sothupakkam Road and the disposal of garbage waste both in Sothupakkam Road and near the Puzhal Lake will be completed in a scientific manner.

3. It is stated that the lands in Survey No. 34 in an extent of 0.39.0 hectares and in Survey No.35/1 in an extent of 0.92.5 hectares have been given to the government on 11.09.2023 and the same was fully maintained in favour of Naravarikuppam Municipality for the establishment of Solid Waste Management Scheme as per G.O. No.472.

4. The District Collector also furnished the work order given to one M/s. Green Ethics Private Limited for removal of the legacy waste dumped in Sothupakkam Road and G.N.T Road under the Solid Waste Management Dumping Yard Site by Bio-mining process in Naravarikuppam Selection Grade Town Panchayat at the cost of Rs.65,84,690/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety only). The contract period is for 8 months and the work order was issued as early as on 04.07.2024.

5. While so, the report of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has stated that for the non-compliance of solid waste management by the town panchayat, the show cause notice was issued. As the reply furnished by them was unsatisfactory and there was no commitment on the side of the panchayat for bio-mining of the legacy waste, an environmental compensation of Rs.49,00,000/- for a period between April 2020 and April 2024 was levied.

6. The TNPCB also has stated that M/s. Green Ethics Private Limited, who was the successful tenderer and obtained the work order, has not yet commenced their work even after the passage of two months.

7. The TNPCB had also stated that since the Panchayat has not prioritized the management of the solid waste and any further delay would attract the levy of environmental compensation.

8. In this regard, let the Executive Officer of Naravarikuppam Town Panchayat file a detailed report on the lands available for solid waste management, for bio-mining to the extent and recommend us and the action taken so far and the deadlines for completion, etc. Above all, the Executive Officer-Naravarikuppam Town Panchayat has to get the authorisation for the Solid Waste Management Site from the TNPCB. So, let the above particulars be filed by the Executive Officer before the date of next hearing.

9. Post the matter on **29.11.2024**.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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23rd September, 2024. AD.

