

**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**"

Date of hearing: 31.07.2023.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant (s): Suo Motu by Court.

For Respondent(s): Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for TN State.
Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith for TNPCB.

ORDER

1. Today, there was a news item published in 'The Times of India', Chennai Edition dated 31.07.2023 under the caption "**Kosasthalaiyar River turns a dump yard - Local Bodies use stretch at Puzhal to dispose waste**".

2. The news item states that a stretch of the Kosasthalaiyar River in Puzhal has become a garbage dump for neighbouring Town Panchayats in Tiruvallur District.
3. It is further alleged in the news item that the Naravarikuppam Panchayat has dumped waste on the banks of the river near the outlet of the Puzhal reservoir, with a nearly 250 meters stretch reeking of foul odour.
4. The news item also quoted the version of one D. Neelakandan, President of Madhavaram Residents Welfare Association that *"There is a graveyard near the river where Naravarikuppam Panchayat officials used to segregate waste. Now, they are dumping waste near the reservoir"*.
5. Therefore, we take Suo Motu cognizance of the matter and issue notice to the (1) District Collector - Tiruvallur, (2) Executive Engineer - PWD (WRO), Kosasthalaiyar Basin Division, Tiruvallur, (3) Executive Engineer - Naravarikuppam Town Panchayat, (4) Director of Town Panchayats, and (5) Chairman - Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for the time being.
6. In addition, we implead D. Neelakandan, President of Madhavaram Residents Welfare Association as a party.
7. Let notice be issued to all the respondents through the Tribunal along with a copy of the news item.

8. The learned counsel Dr. D. Shanmuganathan accepts notice on behalf of the State of Tamil Nadu and Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith accepts notice on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
9. Let the matter be listed on **28.08.2023**. In the meanwhile, the authorities are directed to file their respective responses.



Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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31st July, 2023. Mn.

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- 1) District Collector - Tiruvallur.
- 2) Executive Engineer - PWD (WRO),
Kosasthalaiyar Basin Division, Tiruvallur.
- 3) Executive Engineer - Naravarikuppam
Town Panchayat.
- 4) Director of Town Panchayats.
- 5) Chairman - Tamil Nadu Pollution Control
Board
- 6) D. Neelakandan, President of
Madhavaram Residents Welfare
Association.