

Item No.15:-

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

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No.152 of 2023(SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Kumaresan Sooluran,
Thiruvallur.

...Applicant(s)

Versus

The Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority,
Rep. by its Member Secretary,
Chennai and ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 19.08.2025.



CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Mr. A. Yogeshwaran.

For Respondent(s): Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1 to R5.

ORDER

1. The learned counsel appearing for the State of Tamil Nadu submitted that there was a meeting convened on 23.07.2025 by the State Wetland Authority along with the officials of the Fisheries Department and the Water Resources Department and a sum of Rs.90 Crores is proposed as expenditure for the dredging work.

2. In the earlier order, it was recorded that the work would commence upon the sanction of funds. However, even after the lapse of three weeks, it is now reported that the funds have not been sanctioned, resulting in the work not being commenced.

3. We accordingly direct the Chief Secretary to the Government to step into the matter and ensure sanction of the proposed funds, at least in instalments, so that the dredging work may be commenced without further delay.

4. We direct the authorities to ensure that once the work is commenced, it should be carried on seamlessly.

5. Post the matter on 01.09.2025 for final hearing.

Sd/-

Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

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Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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19th August, 2025. AD.