

Item No.09:-

**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.

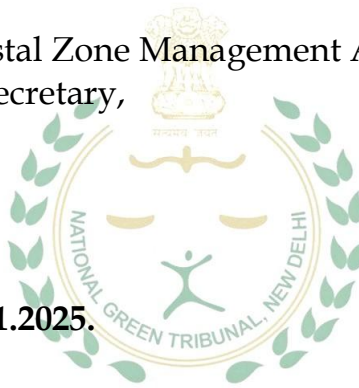
...Applicant(s)

Versus

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

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 24.11.2025.



CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. PRASHANT GARGAVA, EXPERT MEMBER

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

For Respondent(s): Mr. P.S. Raman, AG a/w.
Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1 to R5.

ORDER

1. Today, Mr. P. S. Raman, the learned Advocate General, informed the Court that the Tamil Nadu Water Resources Conservation and River Restoration Corporation has initiated efforts to prevent the further spread of Chaaru Mussels within the ecosystem. For this purpose, the Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 56.50 crores and administrative approval is currently awaited.

2. It is also stated that, as of now, 4 Nos. of dredger, 4 Nos. of Amphibian SK-140, 10 Nos. of Excavator SK(140) with Long Boom, 9 Nos. of Excavator SK-30, 13 Nos. of Pickup Truck, 7 Nos. Diesel Boat 50 HP, 5 Nos. Slurry Pump, 4 Nos. Shed Cost, 1 No. Semi Local Trailer of 3 axle are required.

3. It is further stated that similar dredgers had previously been used by the State Government for handling fly ash, albeit on a rental basis. In the same manner, we direct the authorities to promptly commence action by hiring the necessary machinery and we further direct that financial sanction be expedited. Let the work be commenced at the hotspots first.

4. The learned AAG additionally submitted that any assistance from the Port Authorities would be greatly appreciated. Though the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is already a party to this proceeding, we have not yet received any response from them.

5. Nevertheless, the State of Tamil Nadu is at liberty to approach the Port Authorities to seek assistance. We also direct the Port Authorities to extend maximum support in order to effectively address this crisis.

6. Post the matter on **24.12.2025**.

Sd/-

Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

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Dr. Prashant Gargava, EM

O.A. No.152/2023(SZ)
24th November, 2025. AD.

