

Item No.16:-

**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: 29.07.2025.



CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

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

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

ORDER

1. The interim report prepared by the NCSCM is ready but yet to be filed.

2. The report of the Member Secretary – Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority states that of the 1.7Km, only 200m is pending and it will be completed by the end of August 2025. There is also a proposal for Rs. 90 Crores, which was prepared and submitted to the Secretary – Water Resources Department for necessary orders and once the funds are sanctioned, the dredging work will be started.

3. We only express our apprehension that the monsoon season is fast approaching, followed by the Assembly Elections, it would be appropriate for the Government authorities concerned to give their best attention and sanction the amount for carrying on the dredging work on a war footing. Any further delay would not only damage the ecosystem but also increase the cost.

4. Hence, we direct the Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority to get the sanction from the Government at the earliest, commence the dredging work and report to us within a period of two weeks.

5. Let the matter be listed on **19.08.2025** for final hearing.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

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Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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29th July, 2025. AD.