

Item No.12:-

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

(Through Video Conference)

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: 30.09.2024.



CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Mr. A. Yogeshwaran & B. Poongkulali.

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

ORDER

1. Today, the learned counsel appearing for the State of Tamil Nadu produced the photographs to state that only in the areas viz., Puzhuthivakkam, Attipattu and Kattupalli, the various of mussels are there, which are arresting the free flow of water. Otherwise, the stand of the Government is that during the monsoon, the freshwater would automatically eliminate the Chaarumussels (*Mytella strigata*). The matter was taken up on file in last November and till today, despite several directions to the Government to remove them either manually or mechanically, no action has been taken.

2. The Government Institutions viz., Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College and Research Institute and Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Ponneri also stated that biological elimination is very difficult and only the dredging operation or harvest them by the fishermen would be the ideal method of clearing up the Chaarumussels (*Mytella strigata*) from the waters.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the State of Tamil Nadu would state that he would file a report to state that the inspection was conducted on 05.08.2024, 28.09.2024 & 29.09.2024 by the authorities and except in the above-referred three places, the flow of water is smooth. It is stated that the dredging either manually or mechanically can be done only after the monsoon is over for the reason that the fresh water flow during monsoon would eliminate the Chaarumussels (*Mytella strigata*).

4. We only direct the learned counsel appearing for the State of Tamil Nadu to file any scientific support to the same along with the report.

5. Post the matter on **03.10.2024**.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

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Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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30th September, 2024. AD.

