

Item Nos.20 to 22:-

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

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No. 312 of 2024 (SZ)

WITH

Original Application No. 100 of 2021 (SZ)

WITH

Original Application No. 164 of 2023 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion **SUO MOTU**
based on the news item in The New Indian
Express, Chennai Edition dated 17.12.2024,
titled **“Kerala’s Medical waste dumped in
Nellai Villages”**.

And

The Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests,
Chennai and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

WITH

Tribunal on its own motion **Suo Motu**
based on the news item published in The
Hindu Newspaper, Chennai Edition dated
09.04.2021, **“Dumping of garbage foiled
near Anamalai, trucks seized”**.

And

The Chief Secretary to Government of
Tamil Nadu, Chennai and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

WITH

Tribunal on its own motion **Suo Motu** based on the News item in The New Indian Express E-Paper, Chennai Edition dated 09.10.2023, "**Tamil Nadu village roads turn Kerala's dump yard, 10-tonne waste dropped in one night**".

And

The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 16.04.2026.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. PRASHANT GARGAVA, EXPERT MEMBER

O.A. No. 312 of 2024 (SZ)

For Applicant(s): **Suo Motu.**

For Respondent(s): **Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1 & R2
Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith for R3.
Mr. G. Vignesh represented
Mr. E.K.Kumaresan for R4 & R5.
Mrs. Remasmrithi for R6.
Mr. T.K. Ananda Padmanabhan, for R8.
Mr. R. Thirunavukarasu for R10.**

O.A. No.100/2021 (SZ):-

For Applicant(s): **Suo Motu.**

For Respondent(s): **Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1, R3, R5, R7, R9,
R13 & R20 to R27.
Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith for R11.
Mrs. V.K. Rema Smrithi for R12.
Mr. G. Vignesh represented
Mr. E.K. Kumaresan for R2, R4, R6, R8, R10,
R14 & R28 to R34.
Mr. R. Thirunavukarasu for CPCB.**

O.A. No.164/2023 (SZ):-

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu.

For Respondent(s): Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1, R3, R5, R7, R9, R13 & R14.
Mr. G. Vignesh represented
Mr. E.K. Kumaresan for R2, R4, R6, R8 & R10.
Mrs. V.K. Rema Smrithi for R12.

ORDER

1. The report of the Central Pollution Control Board is yet to be filed.

2. In the meanwhile, it has been brought to our notice that yet another incident of biomedical waste being brought from Kerala to Chidambaram and dumped in the territory of Tamil Nadu has occurred.

3. As per the report, the vehicle and driver were seized and action has been taken by the State of Tamil Nadu. Let this information be shared with the learned counsel for the Kerala SPCB. Let the Kerala SPCB investigate this, which would include the number of health care facilities in and around the bordering States and whether it is the healthcare facilities that are the mischief makers or the lorry owners or contractors in this regard.

4. A thorough investigation jointly by both the State PCBs alone can resolve this kind of issue. The CPCB is also directed to facilitate the State PCBs, not simply by issuing directions, but by identifying solutions to avoid the future recurrence of this.

5. Post the matter on 17.07.2026.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Prashant Gargava, EM

O.A. No.312/2024 (SZ) &
O.A. No.100/2021 (SZ) &
O.A. No.164/2023 (SZ)
16th April, 2026. RJ.

