

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL**

**SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

**Application No. 10 of 2017 (SZ) (Suo motu)**

Applicant(s)

Respondent(s)

Suo motu proceedings initiated based on the news item published In "The Times of India" Chennai – Edition dated 20.1.2017 on the caption "Bhavani river water unfit Chennai – 9 for consumption" and "waste from Mettupalayam Government Hospital ends up in Bhavani River"

1. Chief Secretary  
Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
2. The Principal Secretary  
Department of Environment & Forest
3. The Secretary, Public Works Dept  
Chennai – 9.
4. The District Collector, Erode
5. The District Collector, Coimbatore
6. The Tahsildar, Bhavani
7. The Tahsildar, Mettupalayam
8. Tamil Nadu Water Supply and  
Drainage Board, rep. by its MD  
Chennai
9. Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu  
Pollution Control Board, Chennai
10. District Environmental Engineer  
Pollution Control Board, Erode

Counsel appearing for applicant

Counsel appearing for respondent/s

Mr. E. Manoharan, AGP for R1 to R7  
Mr. Janakiraman for R8  
Mrs. Yasmeen Ali for R9 & R10

**Application No.18 of 2017 (SZ)**

M.Gobineelan  
No.5/1-I, Rest House Road,  
Sirumugai  
Coimbatore 641 302

The Secretary to Government  
Department of Environment & Forest  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Secretariat, Fort St. George,  
Chennai and others

Legal Practitioners for Applicant(s)

M/s.A.A.Jaleel & S.Subhash Chand

Legal practitioners for respondent(s)

Mr.M.K.Subramanian & P.Velmani  
For R1, R2, R5 to R10  
Mrs.Yasmeen Ali for R3 & R4

**Application No.58 of 2017 (SZ)**

Applicant/s  
T.T.Rangasamy  
President

Bhavaani Nadhineer Matrum Nilathadi  
Paadhuhaappuk Kuzhu  
(Bhavani River Water and Ground  
Water Protection Committee)  
Uma Sankar Nilaiyam, L.S.Puram  
Mettupalayam 641 301

Respondents  
VS State Government of Tamil Nadu  
through its Chief Secretary  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Fort St.George, Chennai  
and others

**Counsel appearing for applicant**

Mr.R.Natarajan

**Counsel appearing for respondents**

Mr.M.K.Subramanian, E.Manoharan  
And P.Velmani for R1 to R4 & R7 to R9  
Mrs.Yasmeen Ali for R6  
Mr.Gnanasekaran for R5

Note of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No.5 to 7	<p>Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2017</p> <p><b>Application No.18 of 2017</b></p> <p>Print the name of Mr.A.Ilango for respondent Nos.3 and 4, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. Mr.Ilango has filed reply on behalf of respondent Nos.3 and 4 after serving copy to the learned counsel appearing for the applicant.</p> <p><b>Application No.58 of 2017</b></p> <p>The learned counsel appearing for the applicant in Application No.58 of 2017 would submit that the prayer in the application is restricted only for the purpose of supply of unpolluted drinking water to 6 towns/villages from Vilamarathur near Nellithurai through closed pipeline which is located at higher reach of Bhavani River .</p> <p>He has also brought to the notice of this Tribunal that in fact the Mettupalayam Municipality has already passed a resolution as early as on 11.06.2015 resolving to supply drinking water from the location at Vilamarathur in Nellithurai Panchayat and recommended to the</p>

Government for allocation of necessary funds. According to him, as on date, the water supply made to the people in these 6 towns/villages particularly Mettupalayam are polluted with sewage. However, the learned Government Pleader would submit that supply of drinking water is made after treatment. The learned Government Pleader shall get instructions in this regard and get Report about the supply of unpolluted potable drinking water to the 6 towns/villages atleast as an interim measure.

The learned Government Pleader has also brought to the notice of this Tribunal that the Commissioner, Mettupalayam Municipality has stated that the municipal drains are directly discharging sewage into the Bhavani River. However, in order to arrest the pollution of the river, the Government in G.O. (MAWS) No.389 dated 09.09.2016 has sanctioned an underground drainage scheme to Mettupalayam Municipality under an estimated cost of Rs.91.70 crores. The work is stated to have been entrusted to Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board and tender process is on and the letter also states that the implementation of the said scheme will take couple of years and therefore it is necessary to ensure that in the meantime the only treated sewage water is let out into the river.

Post these applications on 25.04.2017.

....., JM  
(Justice Dr.P.Jyothimani)

.....,EM  
(Shri P.S. Rao)