

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

Original Application No. 213 of 2021 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

S. Sakthivel, Environment &
Anti Pollution Group, Salem.

...Applicant(s)

-Versus-

The Secretary, MoEF&CC, New Delhi &Ors.

...Respondent(s)

**REPLY AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE i.e., RESPONDENT NO. 1**

CHENNAI
DATED:01-08-2022

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I, Dr.R.Sridhar S/o P.Rengarajan aged about 41 years, presently working as Scientist 'D', in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Integrated Regional Office, Chennai, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. I respectfully submit that I am authorized to swear the present affidavit on behalf of the MoEF&CC on the basis of the official records maintained therein.
2. That the contents of the petition, unless specifically admitted, are denied to the extent that they are inconsistent with submissions made hereinafter and against the Respondent.
3. That a short affidavit is being filed by the answering respondent at this stage and craves leave and liberty to file a detailed Counter Affidavit to the aforesaid Writ Petition, as and when required.
4. It is submitted that the project proponent M/s Dalmia Bharat Sugar and Industries Limited, Magnesite and Durite mines over an extent of 449.364 Ha located at Village Chettichavadi, Taluk Salem, District Salem, Tamil Nadu has applied for Terms of Reference (ToR) vide letter dated 19.03.2018



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