

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

Original Application No. 145 of 2020 (SZ)

(Through Video Conference)

IN THE MATTER OF

Tribunal on its own motion-SUO MOTU
Based on the News item in Dinamalar
Newspaper Chennai Edition dated 05.08
2020, "Retteri Lake become a Sewage
water pond-Will Jayalalitha's dream project
be fulfilled?"

Versus

...Applicant(s)

1. The Principal Secretary to
Government.
Public Works Department,
Govt. Secretariat, Fort St. George
Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600 009
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Revenue and Disaster Management
Department,
Govt. Secretariat,
Fort St. George Chennai,
Tamil Nadu - 600 009.
3. The Secretary to Govt. of Tamil
Nadu, Department of Environment,
Govt Secretariat,
Fort St. George Chennai,
Tamil Nadu-600 009
4. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt of
Tamil Nadu,
Municipal Administration and Water
Supply Department,
Govt. Secretariat,
Fort St. George Chennai,
Tamil Nadu-600.009



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5. The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution control Board,
No. 76, Anna Salai,
Guindy,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600 032
6. The District Collector,
Chennai District,
District Collectorate Office, No
62, Rajaji Salai, 4th Floor,
Chennai-600 001.
7. Greater Chennai Corporation,
Rep . by its Commissioner, Ripon
Building,
Chennai-600 003.
8. Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply
& Sewerage Board
No. 1, Pumping Station Road,
Chintadripet, Chennai-600 031

Respondent(s)

INDEPENDENT REPORT FILED BY 8TH RESPONDENT CMWSS BOARD

1. I, A. MALAICHAMY, S/o. M. ARUMUGAM, Hindu, aged about 58 years now working as Superintending Engineer (North) in the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) having office at 2nd floor Urban Administrative Building, MRC Nagar, Chennai 600 028 do here by solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:
2. I am the Superintending Engineer (North) of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB), Chennai and 7th Respondent herein and well acquainted with the facts of the case from the connected files.
3. I am filing the status report on behalf of the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chennai - 28, as per the orders issued by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Chennai on 12.07.2022.



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4. The above, SUO MOTU case vide OA no 145 of 2020 has been registered by NGT Under section 18 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 on the basis of the newspaper report published in Dinamalar, Chennai city supplement edition dated 05/08/2020 under the caption “கழிவுநீர் குட்டையானது ரெட்டேரி லே. கனவு திட்டம் நிறைவேறுமா?” (Retteri Lake becomes a sewage water pond – Will Jayalalitha’s project be fulfilled?)
5. I humbly submit that, CMWSSB has been directed to file further report on OA 145 of 2020 (SZ) on or before 25.07.2022.
6. I humbly submit that, there is no letting out of sewage in to Vinayagapuram drain and Korattur surplus canal from the surrounding streets at present. The sewage collected from the 544 nos of streets in depot 24 (New depot 32) and depot 25 (New depot 31), where the UGSS had already been available is conveyed to Kodungaiyar STP for treatment through 5nos of existing sewage pumping station. At an average of 13.50ML of sewage is being collected per day from the surrounding streets of Vinayagapuram drain and Koratur surplus canal and disposed to Kodungaiyur STP for further treatment.
7. I humbly submit that, the Detailed Project Report has been prepared for Providing UGSS for the 236 nos. of Sewer left out streets identified and the same is under appraisal in TUFIDCO for firming up the financial assistance.
8. I humbly submit that, in addition to the 6718 nos of sewer house service connection effected in depot 24 (New depot 32) and depot 25 (New depot 31) covering Surapet, Puthagaram and Kathirvedu as reported already, 602 nos of sewer service connection were effected further and hence totally 7320 nos of sewer house service connections were effected as on 20.7.2022 under “Azaithal Innaippu” & “Illanthorum Inaippu” scheme with which public enable to get the house sewer connection without any hindrance.

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9. I humbly submit that, the households in this area who are not yet availed the house sewer connection, were advised by serving Notice to get the sewer connections by paying the necessary connection charges under "Illanthorum Inaippu" scheme. There is a provision of collecting the connection charges either as onetime payment or in installments within a period of 5 years as per the choice of the consumer in this "Illanthorum Inaippu" scheme. Once the house owner paid the minimum amount of necessary connection charges, CMWSSB will effect the house sewer connection immediately.
10. I humbly submit that, In addition, action is being taken to create awareness among public to apply for sewer service connection in CMWSSB wherein Awareness camps have been conducted in depot 24(New depot 32) and depot 25 (New depot 31), pamphlets have been distributed to public to avail sewer service connection in their houses under "Illanthorum Inaippu" scheme. The photos of the same have been enclosed for kind perusal.
11. I humbly submit that, The households are using the septic tank for disposal of sewage from their houses at present. The sewer tanker lorries are used for removing the sludge from the septic tank of each house and decanting into the nearest Sewage Pumping Station maintained by CMWSS Board. Further, if any household fails to avail house sewer connection action will be taken in coordination with GCC under sub section (5) of sec 202 R/W SEC R/W 357(1) schedule VII of CCMC Act 1919 and will ensure that all houses shall forthwith avail the connections.



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12. It is therefore humbly prayed that, this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to accept my response on behalf of the CMWSS Board and thus render justice.


Solemnly affirmed at Chennai on this
22nd day of July 2022 and signed
his name in my presence



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BEFORE ME

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 28/1/2021
I. Rollence Samuel, 57, LC, MHC
Advocate, Chennai CH-104
On 28/1/2021 at 10:00 AM



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4. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt of Tamil Nadu,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply
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5. The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution control Board,
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Chennai District,
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..... Respondents

Counter Affidavit filed by the Respondent-8

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