

INSPECTION REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL (SOUTHERN ZONE) IN RESPECT OF O.A. NO. 123 OF 2020 (SZ) SUOMOTU ON THE BASIS OF THE NEWS PAPER REPORT PUBLISHED IN DINAMALAR CHENNAI CITY SUPPLEMENT EDITION DATED, 09.07.2020, UNDER THE CAPTION "MOOVARASAMPATTU TEMPLE POND HAS BECOME RAIN WATER HARVESTING RESERVOIR."

It is respectfully submitted that, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA No. 123 of 2020 dated: 26.11.2021 passed the following orders interalia that

"3. We have directed the District Collector, Chengalpattu to take action to explore the possibility of tracing out the inlet and outlets and restore the inlet of Moovarasampattu lake and the outlet channel leading to the Adambakkam Lake and submit an action taken report in this regard and posted the case to 29.10.2021 for that purpose. On 29.10.2021, it was adjourned to 12.11.2021, it was adjourned to today by notification.

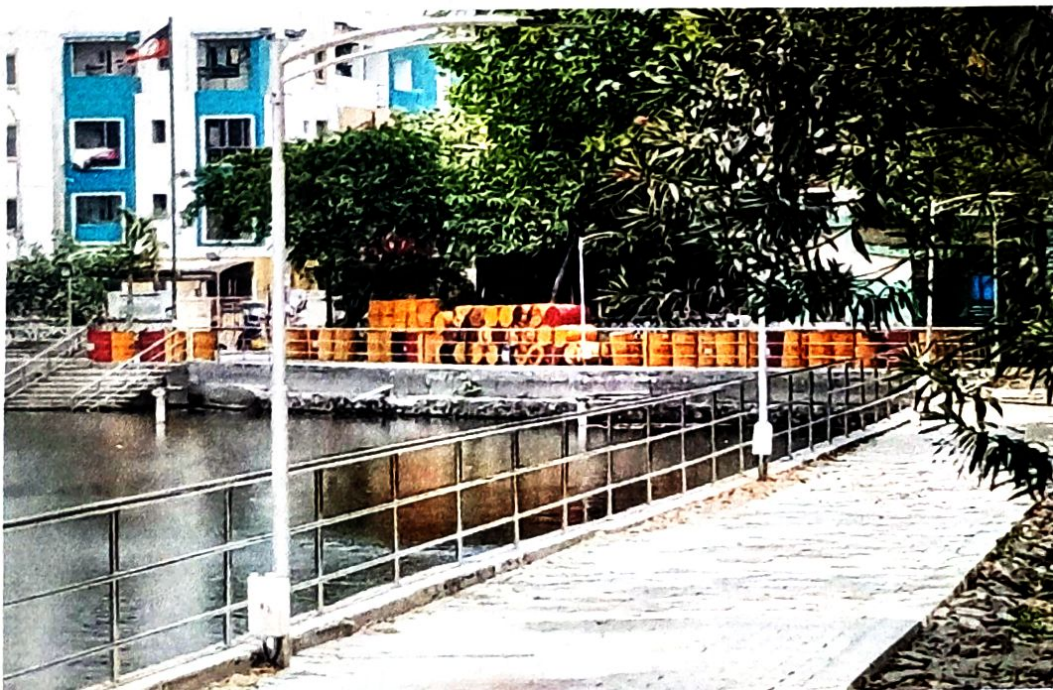
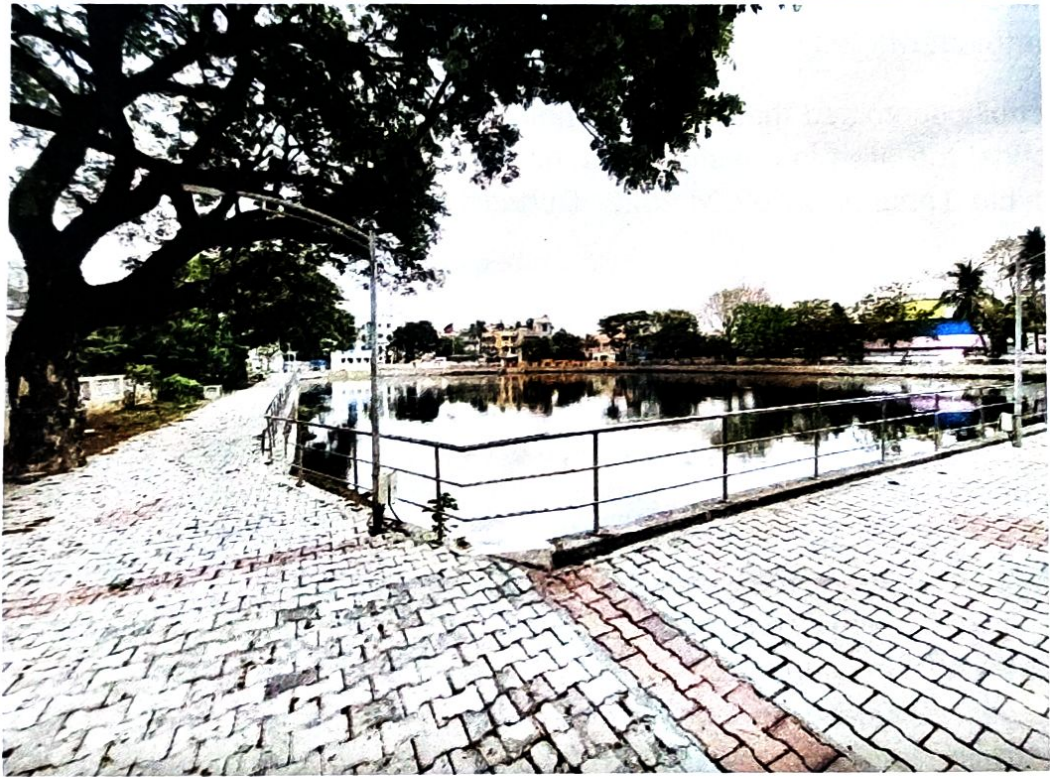
4. Even today, the Joint Committee as well as the District Collector have not filed the report as directed. When this was pointed out, the learned counsel appearing for the State Department wanted some time to file report."

It is respectfully submitted that in due compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal the area in question was inspected by the Joint Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Tribunal on 02.04.2022. During the time of inspection following points were noticed.

1. The said Gangai yamman Temple pond spreads over an extent of 2.445 acres
2. Rain water and the surface run off from the surrounding areas is the main source for this pond and the pond is mainly used as a rain water harvesting structure.
3. Under MLA CD's scheme (2019-2020) improvement works were carried out which comprises of (a) providing retaining wall, (b) walking pathway with handrails all around the water body and (c) lighting arrangements all around the pathway with an estimate of Rs.40.89 lakhs
4. Arrangements have been provided with 2 Nos of inlet cement pipes for the inflow of rain water and surface run off from the surrounding areas.
5. Arrangements have also been provided with 1 No. of outlet pipe in the eastern side of the tank for the outflow of excess water from the pond which flows through the streets as there is no outlet channel
6. There is no dumping of solid waste in the pond as the pond is provided with compound wall on all four sides
7. Arrangements have been provided in such a way that no sewage/sullage reaches the pond

Photographs taken,during the time of inspection is as follows



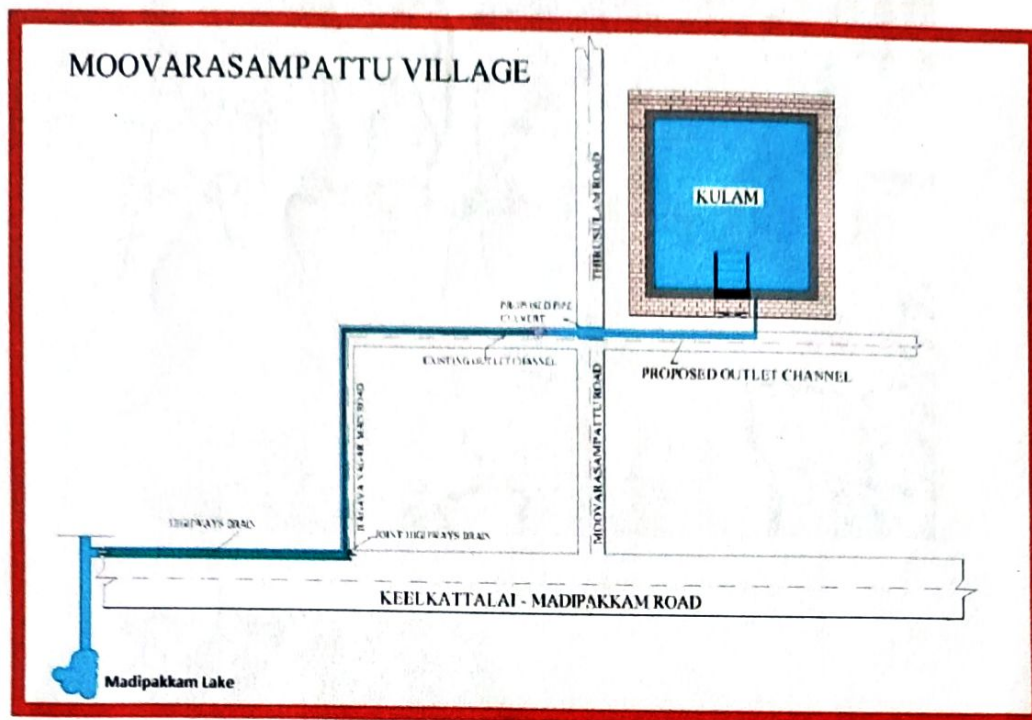




Action plan for the restoration of inflow channel to the pond and overflow of excess water channel from the pond- by the Block Development Officer, St. Thomas Mount Panchayat Union.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no inlet channel in the past and the said pond is fed by rain water through natural catchment. However the two inlet pipes have been provided to recharge the pond with rain water collected from the surrounding areas. Due to urbanization the downstream agri lands have been converted into buildings, hence there is no proper channel connecting to downstream water body-Madipakkam lake. Hence it is now proposed to provide closed pipeline connecting the outlet of the pond to the nearby existing channel to a length of about 30 meters by crossing the highways road to an estimate of Rs.3.00 Lakhs. Furthermore the existing channel of 650m length will be desilted

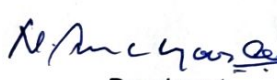

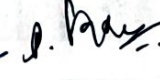

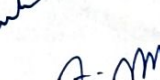

to an estimate of Rs.1.5 Lakhs for easy flow of water from the pond to the downstream waterbody- Madipakkam lake.



Recommendation of the Committee

Based on the above observation the joint Committee submits the following recommendation before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, South Zone.

The Block Development Officer, St Thomas Mount Panchayat Union shall implement the action plan of providing necessary structures for the disposal of the excess water from the said Gangai yamman Temple pond to the downstream water body- Madipakkam lake within a period of 3 months.

					
Panchayat Secretary Movarasampattu Village Panchayat	Block Development Officer, St. Thomas Mount Panchayat Union	District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Maraimalai Nagar	Revenue Divisional Officer, Tambaram, Chengalpet District	Superintending Engineer Public Works Department and Water Resources Organisation	District Collector Chengalpattu