

Item No.1:

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

Original Application No. 19 of 2020 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion SUO MOTU
Based on the News Item in Dinamalar Tamil
Newspaper dated 27.01.2020,
“A Bridge has become a source of spreading
Contamination and Communicable Diseases”

... Applicant(s)

With

The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Chief Secretary
and Others.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 03.02.2020.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE MR. SAIBAL DASGUPTA, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu by Court.

For Respondent(s): Mr. M. Mani Gopi for R1 to R4
Mr. Abdul Saleem and Mr. S. Saravanan
for R5 & R6.

ORDER

1. The above proceeding has been initiated **Suo Motu** by this Tribunal on the basis of the News Paper report published in “Dinamalar, Chennai Supplement, Tamil Daily Dated. 27.01.2020” under the caption “*தொற்று நோய் பரப்பும் இடமாக மாறிய மேம்பாலம்*” **(A BGIDGE HAS BECOME A SOURCE OF SPREADING CONTAMINATION AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES)**.
2. It is seen from the report that beneath the Pallavaram Round over bridge, it has become a dumping ground not only for solid waste but also animal waste which is being collected from the meat shops. Further, it has become a place where sewage water is also stagnated due to non maintenance of the sewage system in that area. On account of the same it causes untold hardships to the people and also creating lot of health hazards.
3. Mr. Mani Gopi entered appearance for respondent No.1 to 4 and Mr. Abdul Saleem and Mr.S. Saravanan entered appearance for respondent 5 & 6.

4. On going through the report, we are satisfied that there is a substantial question regarding environment has been made out for seeking interference of this Tribunal to remedy the same. It is the duty and the responsibility of the local body to implement the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, and to keep the passages clean and neat providing good environment ensuring clean air which people is entitled to breath to lead a happy life.
5. So, considering the circumstances in order to get the present status we feel it appropriate to appoint a Joint Committee comprising of District Collector, Chengalpattu, State Pollution Control Board and Commissioner , Pallavaram Municipality to look into the allegations in the report and submit a factual and action taken report, tracing out who have caused such illegal act resulting in environmental pollution and take appropriate action against those persons including initiation of prosecution and imposing environmental compensation.
6. The committee is directed to ascertain the number of meat shops in that area and whether they are having the necessary licences or other consents and whether the waste management is proper and in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, and if there is any violation to take appropriate action against them and incorporate the same in the report.

7. The committee shall complete this exercise within a period of one month. The Commissioner, Pallavaram Municipality will act as a nodal agency for co-ordination and providing necessary logistics for this purpose. The committee shall submit the report to this Tribunal through e-mail @ ngtszfilings@gmail.com within that time.
8. The Registry is directed to communicate this order to the above officials through e-mail @ ngtszfilings@gmail.com so as to enable them to comply with the direction.
9. For consideration of report post on 16.03.2020.



.....J.M.
(Justice K. Ramakrishnan)

.....E.M.
(Saibal Dasgupta)

**O.A. No.19/2020,
03rd February, 2020.
Sr.**