

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
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**TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

I, R. Rajamanickam, S/o.P.M.Ramasamy, Hindu aged about 57 years , having my office at No. 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai -600032, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:-

1. I am the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai and I am filing this Report on behalf of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case as per records.

2. It is respectfully submitted that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (SZ) in its order dated 25.10.2021 has directed inter alia that

*“ Para 10:- The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is directed to inspect the area in question and submit a report as to whether there is any possibility of pollution being caused on account of operation of the alleged act said to have been undertaken by the Greater Chennai Corporation in that area through 3rd Respondent*

  
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*and whether it will have any impact on the health of the children to whom noon meal is being supplied from the centre which is existing in the campus since long time. If there is any violation of The Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2016, then they are directed to submit the action taken report in this regard before this Tribunal.*

3. It is respectfully submitted that the Greater Chennai Corporation has provided Anganwadi centre with noon meal scheme at Division No.112, Puliyur 1<sup>st</sup> Main Road, Puliyur Village, Kodambakkam, Chennai. The centre is a RCC building with built up area approximately 300 sq.ft. The Greater Chennai Corporation has also provided a material recovery facility and a shredder machine nearer to this Anganwadi centre (approximately 50 ft distance), which is also present within the Anganwadi campus. It was reported that Anganwadi is functioning in the said location for many years. Foods are being prepared in the Anganwadi centre which eaters for 22 children.

4. It is respectfully submitted that, the Greater Chennai Corporation, Teynampet Zone (Zone-IX), Mylapore, Triplicane, Puliyur, Egmore, Nungambakkam, T-Nagar Taluk of Chennai District was issued with authorization under Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 for operating the waste Processing / recycling / treatment / disposal facilities with validity upto 31.03.2020. The said location Division NO.112, Puliyur 1<sup>st</sup> Main Road, SF No.1, Puliyur Village, Block No.25 has been issued authorization for 0.52 Tones for operating Bio composting facility.

5. It is further submitted that in pursuance to the said NGT order, the said facility was inspected by the officials of the DEE, TNPCB, Chennai on

  
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17.11.2021. During inspection it was observed that the Greater Chennai Corporation has provided Resource Recovery Facility (Material recovery facility) to recover, reuse and recycle the dry waste. However, it was observed that the Greater Chennai Corporation has obtained authorization under Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 for processing waste through Bio-composting facility only. Further it was observed that materials brought to the Material recovery facility was stored in open area and totally drenched in the rain leading to foul smell and mosquito breeding.

6. It is respectfully submitted that a shredder machine was also provided for shredding the vegetable waste received through M/s. Urbaser, an agency for transporting the Municipal Solid Waste generated from the household to the disposal area and the shredded waste materials was sent to Bio-composting facility located at Kottupuram for Bio-composting, since complaints were received from the nearby residents as the location of site (Division-112) is surrounded with residential buildings. Even though, the bio-composting yard has been shifted to another location, the storage of materials in the material recovery facility in and out and the presence of shredding machine for shredding waste vegetables leads to unpleasant smell and environment to the Anganwadi children and also to the nearby residents which may lead to spread of disease.

7. It is further submitted that the shredded waste material is being sent to the Bio-composting facility located Division No.122, Turn Bulls Parks, Turnbolls Road, Nandanam, Chennai-28 for bio-composting. The said location falls under Zone-IX and the Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone-IX has not obtained authorization for the above said location.

  
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8. It is respectfully submitted that, in order to stop the operation of the material recovery facility and a shredding machine provided at Division No.112, Puliur Village, Kodambakkam, Chennai , the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has addressed a letter dated 24.01.2022 to the Zonal Officer, Zone-IX (Teynampet), Greater Chennai Corporation to comply with the directions of the Hon'ble NGT and for strict compliance of the following:

i. The Zonal Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Teynampet Zone (Zone-IX) shall stop operating the material recovery facility and a shredding machine and clear the waste dumped in the Division No.112, Puliur Village, Kodambakkam immediately to avoid the spread of disease to the Anganwadi children and also to the nearby residents.

ii. The Zonal Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Teynampet Zone (Zone-IX) shall shift the material recovery facility and a shredding machine to another location away from residential area immediately and shall obtain Authorization under Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

iii. The Zonal Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone-IX shall comply with the provisions of Solid waste Management Rules, 2016.

iv. The Zonal Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone-IX shall obtain authorization under Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 for composting facility located at Division No.122, Turn Bulls Parks, Turnbills Road, Nandanam, Chennai with a fortnight.

Also the Corporation has been requested to take necessary action when ever such public grievances are brought to their notice in order to avoid such legal action.

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Under the above circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal may be pleased to pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Tribunal may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of this case and thus render justice.

*R. Rajamanickam* 10/2/22  
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**BEFORE ME**

**VERIFICATION**

I, R. Rajamanickam, S/o. P.M. Ramasamy, working as Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai, do hereby verify that the contents of above report are true to the best of my knowledge through records.

*R. Rajamanickam* 10/2/22  
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Date:10.02.2022.

Date of hearing on: 11.02.2022

