BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

Application No. 135 of 2016 (SZ)

Respondent

Applicant(s) Dr. C.K. Sreedharan, IFS (Retd), Manapakkam, Chennai.

Vs. The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai and others.

Legal Practitioners for Applicant(s) M/s. M. Chandrasekaran

Note of the Registry

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Legal Practitioners for Respondents M/s. Abdul Saleem, S.Saravanan and Vidyalakshmi Vipin for R1 & R2. Mrs.H.Yasmeen Ali for R3.

Orders of the Tribunal

Date: 1st July, 2016

We have heard the counsel for the applicant. The averments are looked into along with the materials available. The Tribunal is satisfied that there exists a substantial question connected to and concerned with environment and ecology to be decided by the Tribunal. Hence, the application is admitted.

The counsel appearing for the applicant has brought to the notice of this Tribunal that during the heavy rain in the month of November and December 2015, the bridge which was put up by the 4th respondent across the Adyar river, has been washed away and now, again the 4th respondent is to put up a new bridge, by which the water attempting flow is being restricted. It is due to such restriction of flow of water in the river, the flood has become a disaster on the earlier occasion. In such view of the matter, we are prima facie satisfied that the act of the 4th respondent is against the environment and ecology. Accordingly, there shall be an order of Interim Injunction against the fourth respondent from proceeding with the construction of the bridge across the Adyar River at St. Thomas Mount until further orders from this Tribunal.

Mrs.Vidyalakshmi Vipin, the counsel undertakes to file memo of appearance for the respondents 1 and 2. Mrs.H.Yasmeen Ali, the counsel undertakes to file memo of appearance for the 3rd respondent. Notice is ordered to the 4th respondent. Private notice is also permitted. For filing memo of appearance of the respondents 1 to 3, reply and appearance of the 4th respondent, the matter is posted to 28.7.2016.

RIBUNAL

.....J.M. (Justice Dr. P. Jyothimani)

(Shri P.S.Rao)

.....E.M.