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Court : Chennai Orders

Decided On : Jun-25-2026

Judge : Honourable Mr Justice N. Sathish Kumar, Honourable Mr. Justice M. Jothiraman

Appeal No. : WP(MD)/17953/2026

Appellant : M. Karan

Respondent : State of tamil Nadu, Represented by The Principal Secretary,

Judgement :

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT DATED:
25-06-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR AND THE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. JOTHIRAMAN WP(MD) NO. 17953 of
2026 M. Karan Petitioner(s) Vs

1. State of tamil Nadu, represented by, The Principal Secretary,
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department,

2. State of Tamil Nadu, represented by, The Principal Secretary, Public Works Department,
3. State of Tamil Nadu, represented by, The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,
4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, represented by, The Member Secretary, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Headquarters building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Near Kannikapuram Checkpost, Guindy,
6. The Conservator of Forests, Office of the Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Race Course Road, Madurai-625 002.
7. The Field Director / Conservator of Forests, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, NGO A Colony, Tirunelveli-627 007.
8. The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, KRR Main Road, 4th Street,
9. The Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, 176, Meenakarai Salai, Arasu Timber Godown Campus, Pollachi, Coimbatore-642 001.
10. The District Forest Officer, Kodaikanal Forest Division, Muthaliarpuram, Kodaikanal, Dindigul-624 101.
11. The District Forest Officer, Theni Division, KRR Nagar, Housing Board Colony,
12. The District Forest Officer, Kanyakumari Division, 175, College Road, Municipality Campus, Nagercoil-629 001.
13. The District Forest Officer, Tirunelveli Division, Jawahar Nagar, NGO A Colony, North Main Road, Tirunelveli-627 007.

14. The District Forest Officer, Tenkasi Division, Shencottai, Tenkasi - 627 809.
15. The District Forest Officer, Karur Division, Rasi Nagar, Dindigul Main Road, Near Collectorate, Karur-639 007.
16. The District Forest Officer, Ramanathapuram Division, Rajasingamangalam, Ramanathapuram - 623 528.
17. The District Forest Officer, Virudhunagar Division, Kumaraswamy Nagar, District Collector Office Campus, Virudhunagar - 626 002.
18. The Municipal Commissioner, Kodaikanal Municipality, Lake Road, Kodaikanal, Dindigul District.
19. The Municipal Commissioner, Kalakad Municipality, Periya Street, Kovilpathu, Cherai - Nagercoil Main Road, Kalakad, Tirunelveli-627 501.
20. The Municipal Commissioner, Ambasamudram Municipality, Solaipuram, Ambasamudram, Tirunelveli.
21. The Municipal Commissioner, Srivilliputhur Municipality, 63-Sakkarai Kulam Street, Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar-626 125.
22. The Block Development Officer, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Panchayat Union Office Complex, Uthamapalayam, Theni-625 533.
23. The Block Development Officer, Manur Panchayat Union, Manur, Tirunelveli-627 201.
24. The Block Development Officer, Kadavur Panchayat Union, Tharagampatti, Kadavur Taluk, Karur-621 311.

Respondent(s) For Petitioner(s): Dr.R.Alagumani For R1 to R3, R5 to R17 & R22 to R24 : Mr.S.Venkatesh, Counsel for State For R20 : Mr.S.Packiya Muthu, Standing Counsel For R19 & R21 : Mr.J.Parekh

Kumar, Standing Counsel

Prayer: Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to prevent the dumping of solid wastes within and adjoining to Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary, Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, coastal areas of Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve in Ramanathapuram District by strictly implement the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 in accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Honble Court.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble N.Sathish Kumar J.) Mr.S.Venkatesh, learned counsel for State takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3, 5 to 17 and 22 to 24. Mr.S.Packiya Muthu, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the 20th respondent and Mr.J.Parekh Kumar, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the respondents 19 and 21. Issue notice to the respondents 4 and 18 returnable by 17.07.2026. Private notice is also permitted.

2. Since the issue raised in this writ petition is with regard to implementation of Solid

Management Rules in the various Wildlife Sanctuaries in the State, Registry is directed to list this matter on 17.07.2026 before the Special Bench which deals with the cases relating to the forest protection and wildlife offenses, after getting appropriate orders from the Hon'ble Administrative Judge. (N.SATHISH KUMAR J.) (M.JOTHIRAMAN J.) 25-06-2026 bala To

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