



W.P.No.10601 of 2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.08.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and W.M.P.Nos.12881 and 12988 of 2020 and W.M.P.No.18687 of 2020

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People for the Ethical Treatment
of Animals (PETA) India,
Rep. by its Chief Executive Officer,
Dr.Manilal Valliayte
Having its registered office
at F-110, 1st Floor, Jagdamba Centre,
Preet Vihar, New Delhi-110 092.

Petitioner

Vs

1.The Chief Secretary
Representing the Chief Minister,
Government of Puducherry,
No.5, Ellaimman Koil Street,
MG Road Area, Puducherry- 605 001.

2.The Secretary
Department of Forest and Wildlife,
Government of Puducherry,
Puducherry Muliyagram Forest Campus,
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Puducherry-605 004.



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- 3.The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Department of Forest and Wildlife
Government of Puducherry
Puducherry Mullaiyagram Forest Campus,
Cuddalore Main Road, Mudaliarpet,
Puducherry- 605 004.
- 4.The Principal Conservator of Forests and
Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forest and Wildlife
Government of Puducherry
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- 5.Animal Welfare Board of India
Ministry of Fisheries,
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(Department of Animal Husbandry and
Dairying),
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National Institute of Animal Welfare,
Campus, P.O. 42 KM Stone,
Delhi-Agra Highway, NH- 2 Village - Seekri,
Ballabhgarh, Faridabad,
Haryana-121 004.
- 6.Arulmigu Manakula Vinayagar Devasthanam
Rep. by its Executive Officer,
Manakula Vinayagar Koil Street,
Puducherry-605 001.
- 7.Municipal Commissioner
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8. Inspector General of Forests
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Forest and Climate Change
Project Elephant Division
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Alilganj,
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110 003.

9. L. Lakshmi Narayanan
Son of Kannan,
95, Perumal Koil Street,
Puducherry.

(R9 impleaded vide order dt. 15.09.2020
made in WMP.13882/2020)

10. S. Muralidharan
S/o. Mr. P. Sivalingam,
2A, 3rd Main Road, Kottur Gardens,
Chennai 600085.

(R10 impleaded vide order dt. 15.09.2020
made in WMP.15311/2020)

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records and quashing the impugned order bearing Note No.13-238/CM/2020 dated 16.07.2020 issued by the Chief Minister of Puducherry, the 1st respondent herein and further directing the 6th respondent to fully comply with the order No.01/DF & WL/DCF/2020-21/300 dated 04.06.2020 passed by the 4th respondent and Shift elephant Lakshmi to a Sanctuary or rehabilitation centre with a Natural habitat wherein she can live unchained, received much-needed veterinary care, finally have the opportunity to socialize with other elephants, and be free from the fear of being hit with an ankus.

For Petitioner: Ms. T. Kiran Rani
for M/s KNS Law Chambers



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For Respondent(s): Mr.V.Vasanthakumar
Addl. Govt. Pleader (Pondy)
for RR 1 to 4 & 7
Mr.T.Saikrishnan for R6

W.M.P.No.18687 of 2020:

S.Ganesh Ganasambanthan,
S/o.Shanmurugarajah,
No.78, 13th Cross, Anna Nagar,
Pondicherry.

Applicant

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Prayer: Petition filed to implead the petitioner/proposed respondent herein, S.Ganesh Ganasambanthan, S/o. Shanmurugarajah, No.78, 13th Cross, Anna Nagar, Pondicherry as party respondent in the above Writ Petition WP No. 10601/2020.

For Applicant: Mr.B.Balavijayan

For Respondent: Ms.T.Kiran Rani
for M/s KNS Law Chambers
for R1

Mr.V.Vasanthakumar
Addl. Govt. Pleader (Pondy)
for RR 2 to 5 & 8

Mr.T.Saikrishnan for R7

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the matter has become infructuous.

In view of the above, the writ petition is dismissed as having rendered infructuous. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.12881 and 12988 of 2020 are closed.



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Since the writ petition is dismissed as infructuous, no order needs to be passed in W.M.P.No.18687 of 2020 and, accordingly, the same is also closed.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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