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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.06.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH

AND

THE HONOURABLE Mrs. JUSTICE R.HEMALATHA

**W.P. (MD)No.11987 of 2022
and WMP (MD) No.8662 of 2022**

S.P.Muthuraman

: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and
Chief Wild Life Warden
Department of Forest
Panagal Maaligai
Saidapet, Chennai.

2.The Chief Additional Conservator of Forests,
and Field Director
Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve,
NGO A Colony
Tirunelveli.

3.The Deputy Director cum Wild Life Warden cum
Project Director,
Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve,
Mukkudal Road
Ambasamudram
Tirunelveli District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents not to collect entry fee or parking fee from the persons coming to Agasthiyar Falls situated at Papanasam, Tirunelveli District on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 29.05.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Anand

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P.N.PRAKASH, J.)

Alleging that parking fees and bathing fees are collected by the respondents from tourists, who visit Papanasam Agasthiyar Falls, this Public Interest Litigation has been filed for stopping the same.



2. Heard Mr.R.Anand, learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

3. The learned Government Pleader submitted that based on G.O.Ms.No.11 Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department dated 08.02.2018, parking and bathing fees are collected, which cannot be faulted with.

4. In our opinion, when tourists are visiting the place, it is imperative that they pay such fees, which is levied all over the world. Hence, we do not find any merit in this Public Interest Litigation and the writ petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AE)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP (SR-26563[F] dated 17/06/2022)

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