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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.02.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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Bharathiraja M : Petitioner

versus

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Secretary
Department of Environment Climate change and Forest
Fort St.George, Chennai
- 2.Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board
Rep by its Member secretary
Velacherry Tambaram Main Road Nanmangalam
Medavakkam Post Chennai 100
- 3.The Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II
Rep. by its Project Director
TNMB Building No. 171 South Kesava Perumalpuram
Greenways Road, R.A. Puram, Chennai 28 : Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to avoid felling the Bombax ceiba trees along Chengalpattu Walajabad road adopt alternative alignment at these locations



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For Petitioner : No appearance
For Respondents : Mr.T.K.Saravanan
Government Advocate

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

None appears for the petitioner.

2. Mr.T.K.Saravanan, learned Government Advocate, submits that road has already been expanded. The status report says that eight numbers of trees had to be felled along the road stretch and the same would be compensated by planting 80 numbers of Bombax ceiba trees. The learned Government Advocate submits that 80 numbers of Bombax ceiba trees have been planted.

3. It is further submitted by the learned Government Advocate that Bombax ceiba tree is neither endangered nor endemic as it has been listed in the least concerned category by the International Union of Conservation of Nature and the species is found widespread across the State and India.



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4. As none appears for the petitioner, the writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, WMP No.23037/2021 is closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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Index : Yes/No
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