



W.P.No.4853 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 26.03.2025

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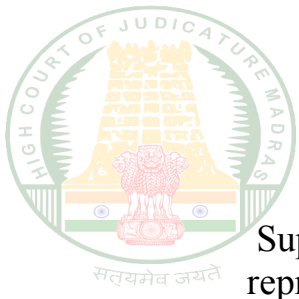
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM  
AND  
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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M/s Nagammal Street Resident Welfare Association  
represented by its President Mr.M.Chinnathambi  
Nagammal Street, K.K.Pudur  
Coimbatore 641 038 .. Petitioner

v.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu  
rep.by the Additional Chief Secretary  
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009
2. The District Collector  
Coimbatore District  
Office of the District Collector  
Coimbatore 641 018
3. The Commissioner  
Corporation of Coimbatore  
O/o The Commissioner  
Coimbatore Corporation  
Coimbatore 641 001
4. Municipal Administration and Water



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Supply Department (MAWS)  
represented by the Principal Secretary  
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009

5. Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board  
rep.by its Chairman  
TWAD House  
No.31, Kamarajar Salai  
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005

6. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board  
rep by its Chairperson  
76, Mount Road, Guindy  
Chennai 600 032

7. Directorate of Town and Country Planning  
represented by its Director  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
C&E Market Road, Koyambedu  
Chennai 600 107

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respondents to consider an alternate location for the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant presently being constructed in Ward No.34 and 45 Eru Company Compound, Jeeva Nagar Road, K.K.Pudur, Coimbatore, which is in close proximity to the petitioner Association.

For Petitioner :: Mr.S.Srivatsa

For Respondents :: Mr.G.Ameedius  
Government Advocate for R1, R2  
and R7  
Mr.D.Ferdinand  
Standing Counsel for R3  
Mr.C.Selvaraj



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Additional Government Pleader  
for R4  
Mr.S.Silambanan  
Senior Counsel for  
Mrs.S.Mekhala  
Standing Counsel for R5  
Mr.J.Ravindran  
Additional Advocate General  
assisted by Mr.V.Gunasekar  
Standing Counsel for R6

**ORDER**

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM,J.)

The writ of mandamus has been instituted to direct the respondents 2, 3 & 5 to consider an alternate location for the construction of Sewage Treatment Plant, presently being constructed in Ward No.34 and 45 Eru Company Compound, Jeeva Nagar Road, K.K.Pudur, Coimbatore, which is in close proximity to the petitioner Association.

2. The relief as such sought for in the writ petition is misconceived. The construction of Sewage Treatment Plant undertaken by the Coimbatore Corporation is a public project and in the interest of public. The petitioner Association has raised certain objections. However, the objections are



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overruled and the project is in the process of implementation.

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3. It is needless to state that the authorities have to conduct public meetings, secure opinion from the public, for implementation of such important schemes for the welfare of the public. Transparency and democratic process require that the Government projects are implemented by duly obtaining public opinion and such meetings are to be widely notified enabling the interested public to participate in the process of debate. However, in practice, such meetings are not properly conducted. The interested persons are unable to participate. It goes to the root of the democratic process and the respondents 1 & 2 hereinafter shall ensure that public opinion is sought for implementation of public projects by conducting open meeting by making publications in a wider manner. It is made clear that meetings should be conducted in fruitful manner by providing opportunity to the public to express their dissenting views.

4. In view of the facts, the relief as such sought for in the present writ petition cannot be granted by this Court and the authorities shall ensure that



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the projects are being implemented without causing much inconvenience to

the people of that locality. The writ petition stands disposed of.

Consequently, W.M.P.No.5375 of 2025 is closed. No costs.

Index : yes

(S.M.S.,J.) (K.R.S.,J.)

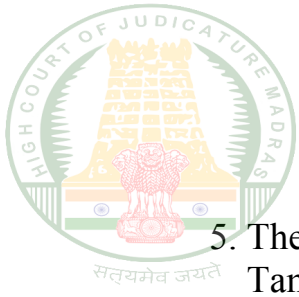
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