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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.07.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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Citizens Guardians
Rep. by its Founder-Chairman V.Ravichandran
New No.1, Old No.2, Bank of India Colony
Near 8th Avenue, Ashok Nagar
Chennai 600 083.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Chief Secretary
Fort St. George, Chennai 9.
2. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Municipal Administration & Water Supply Department
Fort St. George, Chennai 9.
3. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Housing and Urban Development Department
Fort St. George, Chennai 9.
4. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Public Works Department
Fort St. George, Chennai 9.



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5. The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority
Rep. by its Member Secretary
Thalamuthu Natarajan Maligai
Gandhi Erwin Salai, Egmore
Chennai 600 008.
6. The Corporation of Chennai
Rep. by its Commissioner
Rippon Buildings, Park Town, Chennai 600 003.
7. The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board
Rep. by its Managing Director
No.1, Pumping Station Road
Chintadripet, Chennai 600 002.
8. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
Rep. by its Chairman
76/100, Anna Salai, Guindy
Chennai 32.
9. The Anna University
Guindy, Chennai.
10. The Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu
The Anna University
Guindy, Chennai 600 025.
11. The National River Conservation Directorate
Rep. by its Director
Ministry of Environment and Forest
Paryavaran Bhavan
CGO Complex, Lodi Road
New Delhi 111 003.
12. The Central Public Health and Environmental
Engineering Organisation
Rep. by its Chairman
Ministry of Urban Development
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.



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13.Association of Engineers Metro Water
Rep. by its General Secretary
C.R.Rajarathinam
No.7, 27th Cross Street
Tiruvallur Nagar
Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai 600 041.

.. Respondents

[R13 impleaded vide order dated
19.12.2008 in MP No.5 of 2008]

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to implement the Chenani City river conservation project in letter and spirit and forbearing the respondents from in any way letting out or discharging any untreated sewage water directly or indirectly in the water ways of the Chennai city till such time they put up effective mechanism for treating raw sewage water in order to arrest pollution of water in the water ways.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Mathivanan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
Assisted by
Mr.K.Karthik Jegannath
Government Advocate for R1 & R2

Mr.A.Arun Babu
Standing Counsel for R6

Mr.K.Subramani
Standing Counsel for R7

Mr.Suchindran B.N.
Standing Counsel for R8



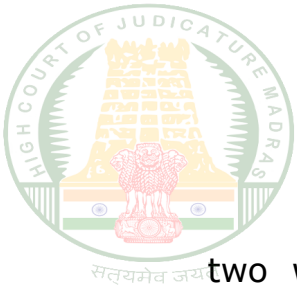
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ORDER
(Order of the Court was made by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This public interest litigation was filed way back in 2008 seeking issuance of a direction for effective implementation of Chennai City River Conservation Project in its true letter and spirit and forbearing respondents from in any way letting out or discharge any untreated sewage water directly or indirectly in the water ways of the Chennai city. Further prayer was made that till such time they put up effective mechanism for treating raw sewage water in order to arrest pollution of water in the water ways, to pass orders as may be considered appropriate in the case.

2. When this case was taken up for hearing on 17.09.2009, it was brought to the notice of this Court that steps have been taken for construction of sewage treatment plant within the urban area and sub-urban area of the city of Chennai. As against the defects that were pointed out in implementation of the Scheme, which also included the sub-standard quality of PSC pipes, State was allowed



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two weeks' time to file appropriate affidavit to respond to the defects pointed out before the Court.

3. In response thereto, a detailed affidavit was subsequently filed by the Managing Director of CMWSSB on 01.10.2009. Among other things, in paragraph 42 of the aforesaid affidavit, it has been stated that various factors influencing the selection of materials for sewer construction are flow characteristics, availability in the sizes required including fittings and ease of handling and installation, water tightness and simplicity of assembly, etc. It was further stated that no material will meet all the conditions that may be encountered in sewer design.

4. While matter stood thus, the project continued and it is informed that the project has been completed long back and even new projects have also come up thereafter.

5. At this stage, we do not consider appropriate to proceed further in the matter as no further orders are required to be passed.



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6. Petition is, accordingly, closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,CJ) (MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR,J)
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