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W.P.No.20556 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.07.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

WP No.20556 of 2025
and WMP No.23187 of 2025

M.Kamesh
S/o. K.P. Mani,
No.18C, Ramadasar Salai,
Thiruverkadu -600 077.

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Principal Secretary
Municipal and Water Supply and
Drainage Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600009.
- 2.The Additional Secretary,
Municipal and Water Supply and
Drainage Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
- 3.The Commissioner
Office of the Commissioner of Land
Administration,
5th Floor, Ezhilakam, Chepauk,
Chennai-600 005.



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4.The Director

Tamil Nadu Drinking Water and
Drainage Board,
No.31, Kamaraj Salai, Chepauk,
Chennai-600 005.

5.The District Collector

District Collector's Office,
Thiruvallur District-602 001.

6.The Commissioner

Thiruverkadu Municipal Corporation Office,
Thiruverkadu, Chennai-600 077.

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the 4th respondent not to construct the sewage treatment plant being constructed in the residential area which is situated at Koladi Village limits of Thiruverkadu Municipality in Poonamalli Taluk of Thiruvallur District based on the representation of the petitioner dated 26.05.2025.

For Petitioner:

Mr.M.Senthil Kumar

For Respondents:

Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
assisted by
Mr.M.Habeeb Rahman
Government Advocate
for R1 to R3 and R5

Mr.P.Srinivas
Standing Counsel
for R6

R4-No Appearance



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ORDER

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

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By this petition, styled as public interest litigation, petitioner has prayed for issuance of a prohibitory order not to construct sewage treatment plant in the residential area.

2. It has been stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition that the sewage treatment plant is proposed to be constructed on a land which is very close to the residential area in the village; about 10 metres away from Koladi Government High School; 10 metres away from the Chinna Koladi Christian Church; and 10 metres away from the Koladi Lake Water Catchment Area. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this violates the guidelines dated 23.10.2008 issued by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

3. Taking into consideration the aforesaid aspects of the matter, instead of keeping this matter pending, we are inclined to dispose of the writ petition at this stage with a direction to the sixth



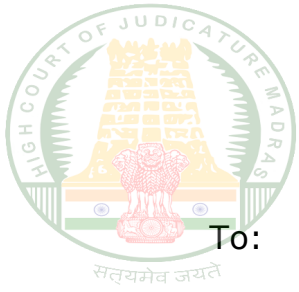
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respondent, i.e., the Commissioner, Thiruverkadu Municipal Corporation Office, Thiruverkadu, Chennai, to examine the complaint of the petitioner in the light of the guidelines issued by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. A decision should be taken within an outer limit of six weeks from the date of receipt of this order. The authority shall pass a speaking order deciding the objections and a copy of the same shall also be communicated to the petitioner. In case the grievance is not redressed, it is open to the petitioner to approach this court.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, interim application stands closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (SUNDER MOHAN,J)
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