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W.P.Nos.26182 of 2023 etc., batch cases

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.12.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D. BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.Nos.26182, 33129 of 2023

1492, 1637, 1777, 1945, 2667, 2815, 3941, 4448, 6779, 7444, 8326, 12687, 23499,
23502, 23521, 23526, 23528, 23532, 23536, 24928, 27450, 28073, 28505, 28995,
33012, 34953, 34956, 34960, 34964, 34969, 35966, 25371, 25395, 25398, 25405,
25412, 25414, 25457, 25464, 28949, 22933, 27924 of 2024
1652, 18143, 9790, 23478, 25501, 27892, 29658, 30075 of 2025

and

W.M.P.Nos.38280 of 2023

1510, 1670, 1829, 2055, 2944, 3074, 4246, 4804, 7554, 8325, 8326, 9284, 13840,
13842, 25690, 25720, 25694, 25729, 27549, 25736, 29550, 25739, 29543, 25742,
25757, 25746, 27271, 29950, 30623, 31078, 31079, 31649, 31651, 35793, 37906,
37907, 37909, 37908, 37915, 37916, 37919, 37920, 37924, 37926, 38848, 38851,
27732, 27762, 27766, 27774, 27784, 27785, 27818, 27827, 31598, 24987, 24985,
30452, 30456 of 2024

1894, 20317, 10974, 26346, 26347, 28669, 28667, 31249, 31247 of 2025

and

WMP.Nos.3073, 24984 of 2024 & 26344, 10972, 33251, 33252, 33711, 33712 of
2025

WP.No.26182 of 2023 :

Sarootham Padmanabhan

... Petitioner



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Versus

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1.The State of Tamil Nadu

Represented by Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department
Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009

2.The Segur Plateau Elephant Corridor Inquiry Committee

Represented by its Chairman
Forestry Extension Campus
Gymkhana Club Road
Finger Post, Udhagamandalam – 643 006
The Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu

3.The District Collector, The Nilgiris District

Collectorate, Charring Cross
Udhagamandalam – 643 001
The Nilgiris.

... Respondents

Prayer in WP.No.26182 of 2023: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, pleased to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the common order dated 19.08.2023 passed by the 2nd respondent in Case No.19/2021 and to quash the same.

WP. 26182/2023

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By

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Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

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WP. 33129/2023

Petitioner : Ms. Jayna Kothari, Senior Counsel Assisted By
Aparna Mehrotra And R. Rajagopalan and
Ms.B.Devadharshini for Mr. M. V. Swaroop

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravidran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R2
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R3)

WP. 1492/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Abudu Kumar Rajarathinam, Senior Counsel
for Mr.Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondent : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 1637/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
for Mr.S. Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravidran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 1777/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
for Mr.S. Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravidran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)



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WP. 1945/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
for Mr.S. Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 2667/2024

Petitioner : Mr.Abudu Kumar Rajarathinam, Senior Counsel
for Mr.Sharath Chandran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 2815/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Abudu Kumar Rajarathinam, Senior Counsel
for Mr.S.Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 3941/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
for Mr.S. Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 4448/2024



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Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 6779/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
for Mr.S. Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 7444/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 8326/2024

Petitioner : Mr. T. Gowthaman, Senior Counsel For
Mr. Muthucharan Sundresh

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, GP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 12687/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran
for Mr.S. Ashok Kumar

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)



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WP. 23499/2024

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Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. Ramasamy Meiyappan
Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Dr. G. Babu SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4

WP. 23502/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. Muthucharan Sundresh
Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Dr. G. Babu, SPC for R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4

WP. 23521/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. P. Purushotham
Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Dr. G. Babu SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 23526/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. P. Purushotham
Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)



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WP. 23528/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. P. Purushotham

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Dr. G. Babu SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 23532/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. Ramasamy Meiyappan

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Dr. G. Babu SPC for R2
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4

WP. 23536/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Counsel
Assisted By Mr. Zafar Khurshid Assisted By
Mr. Muthucharan Sundaresh

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Dr. G. Babu SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4

WP. 24928/2024



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Petitioner : Mr. T. Gowthaman, Senior Counsel For
Mr. Muthucharan Sundresh

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 27450/2024

Petitioner : Mr. P. Purushotham

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 28073/2024

Petitioner : Mr. P. Purushotham

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 28505/2024

Petitioner : Mr. V. Raghavachari, Senior Counsel For
Mr. V. Ponnappa Bharathi And
Ms. Annie Singh

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R2, R4, R5
Ms. J. Priscilla Pandian CGSSC For R3



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WP. 28995/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 33012/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 34953/2024

Petitioner : Mr. A. Mohamed Ismail

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 34956/2024

Petitioner : Mr. A. Mohamed Ismail

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 34960/2024



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Petitioner : Mr. A. Mohamed Ismail

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 34964/2024

Petitioner : Mr. A. Mohamed Ismail

Respondent : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 34969/2024

Petitioner : Mr. A. Mohamed Ismail

Respondents : Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R1)
Mr. V. Chandrasekaran, SPC For R2
Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R3, R4, R5

WP. 35966/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25371/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By



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Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

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WP. 25395/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Abudu Kumar Rajarathinam, Senior Counsel
for Mr. Rajagopalan Vasudevan
Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25398/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan
Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25405/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan
Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25412/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan
Respondent : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25414/2024



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Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25457/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 25464/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Abudu Kumar Rajarathinam, Senior Counsel
for Mr.Rajagopalan Vasudevan

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 28949/2024

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 1652/2025

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondent : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By



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Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

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WP. 18143/2025

Petitioner : Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan
Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, For R1, R3, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 9790/2025

Petitioner : Ms. Jayna Kothari, Senior Counsel Assisted By
Aparna Mehrotra And R. Rajagopalan and
Ms.B.Devadharshini for Mr. M. V. Swaroop

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, For R1, R2, R4
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R3)

WP. 22933/2024

Petitioner : Mr. E. Om Prakash, Senior Counsel , Assisted By
Mr. R. Murali For Mr. R. Ragavendran

Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, For R1 And R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 23478/2025

Petitioner : Mr. K. Sharath Chandran
Respondents : Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, For R1, R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)



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WP. 25501/2025

Petitioner

:

Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondents

:

Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP,For R1, R2, R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 27892/2025

Petitioner

:

Mr. Sharath Chandran For
Mr. Rajagopal Vasudevan

Respondents

:

Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP For R1, R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 29658/2025

Petitioner

:

Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents

:

Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, For R1, R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

WP. 30075/2025

Petitioner

:

Mr. Sharath Chandran

Respondents

:

Mr. J. Ravindran ,AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP, For R1, R3
Mr. S. Karthikei Balan Standing Counsel (R2)

W.P.No.27924 of 2024

Petitioner

:

Mr. V. Raghavachari, Senior Counsel For
Mrs. V. Srimathi



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Respondent : Mr. J. Ravindran, AAG Assisted By
Dr. T. Seenivasan SGP

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Amicus Curiae : Mr.T.Mohan, Senior Counsel

ORDER

It is stated that, with reference to the honorarium and other expenses to be paid to the Committee, a G.O. has been issued in G.O.(D) No.285, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 28.11.2025. The same is taken on record. Needless to mention, as per the G.O., let the disbursement be made at the earliest. Accordingly, the matter stands closed.

(N.S.K.,J.) (D.B.C.,J.)
05.12.2025

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The Niligiris District, Tamil Nadu

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Collectorate, Charring Cross

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