

W.P.No.41380 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 31.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.P.No.41380 of 2025
and W.M.P.No.46352 of 2025

J.Brezhnev
S/o. Janardhanam,
No.298, 7th Cross Street,
Palkalai Nagar, Palavakkam,
Chennai-600 041

Petitioner

Vs

Union Ministry of Environment
Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jorbagh Road
New Delhi-110 003 and 7 others

Respondents

For Petitioner:

Mr.V.Raghavachari
Senior Counsel
for M/s.S.Tamil Selvan



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For Respondents:

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Dr.G.Babu
Central Government Senior Panel Counsel
for respondent No.1

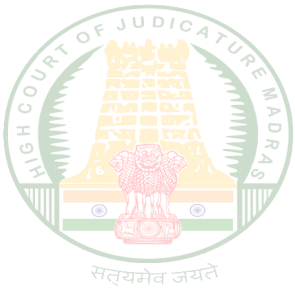
Mr.P.S.Raman
Advocate-General
assisted by Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
for respondent No.2

Mr.J.Ravindran
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mrs.P.Veena Suresh
Standing Counsel
for respondent No.3

Mr.P.Kumaresan
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate
for respondent Nos.4 and 6

Mr.P.S.Raman
Advocate-General
assisted by Dr.T.Seenivasan
Spl. Government Pleader (Forest)
for respondent No.5

Mr.C.Manishankar
Senior Advocate
for Mr.S.Arjun Suresh and Ms.Anisha Gupta
for M/s.Dua Associates
for respondent No.8



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ORDER

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

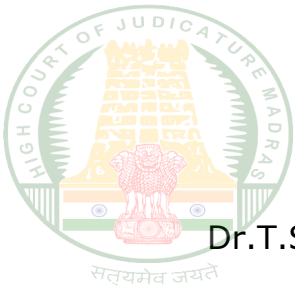
Dr.G.Babu, learned Central Government Senior Panel Counsel, takes notice for and on behalf of respondent No.1.

2. Shri P.S.Raman, learned Advocate-General, assisted by Shri A.Edwin Prabakar, learned State Government Pleader, takes notice for and on behalf of respondent No.2.

3. Shri J.Ravindran, learned Additional Advocate General, assisted by Smt. P.Veena Suresh, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for and on behalf of respondent No.3.

4. Shri P.Kumaresan, learned Additional Advocate General, assisted by Shri K.Karthik Jagannath, learned Government Advocate, takes notice for and on behalf of respondent Nos.4 and 6.

5. Shri P.S.Raman, learned Advocate-General, assisted by



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Dr.T.Seenivasan, learned Special Government Pleader (Forest), takes notice for and on behalf of respondent No.5.

6. Shri C.Manishankar, learned Senior Counsel for Shri S.Arjun Suresh and Ms.Anisha Gupta for M/s.Dua Associates, takes notice for and on behalf of respondent No.8.

7. Notice to respondent No.7, returnable on 12.11.2025.

8. Since a serious issue with regard to development being carried out in Survey Nos.453, 495/2C, 496, 497 and 498 of Perumbakkam Village has been raised in this Public Interest Litigation with specific allegation that these survey numbers are part of Ramsar site as per the map filed by the petitioner, we are inclined to hear this matter in detail on an earlier date.

9. Shri Raghavachari, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner, would submit that the disputed area, where development is being made by the private respondent on the strength of the permission granted by the Chennai Metropolitan



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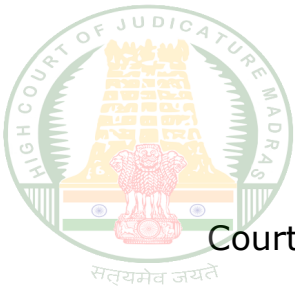
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Development Authority in the month of January, 2025 and on the strength of environmental clearance granted on 21.01.2025, is under ground truthing exercise as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a pending case – *Anand Arya v. Union of India*¹ and the State has been directed to complete the ground truthing exercise and submit a report before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, in the meantime, the private respondent (respondent No.8) is proceeding to alter the nature of the wet land by continuing with the construction activities and if that is allowed to be continued, it will completely destroy and cause irreparable damage to the wet land.

10. Shri Manishankar, learned Senior Counsel appearing for respondent No.8, would submit that it has undertaken a huge project and any interim order granted at this stage without affording any opportunity of hearing, it may affect the development of the project itself.

11. At this stage, what we find is that the Hon'ble Supreme

¹ Writ Petition (Civil) No.304 of 2018



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Court has passed series of orders. In the order dated 19.08.2025 passed in *Anand Arya v. Union of India* (supra), direction has been issued to all the States, including the State of Tamil Nadu, to expedite ground truthing and boundary demarcation and, at any rate, within an outer limit of two months, i.e., up to 19.10.2025. Thereafter, on 07.10.2025, the said case was directed to be listed on 28.10.2025.

12. Learned Advocate-General would submit that the process of ground truthing is underway in compliance of the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the report is going to be submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court in compliance of the orders passed.

13. The parties are not in a position to inform as to the next date of hearing.

14. We are inclined to take up this matter on 12.11.2025. Learned State counsel shall also inform whether the report, as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, has been submitted after



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the exercise of ground truthing and boundary demarcation, and what does the report say with regard to the subject-land in dispute.

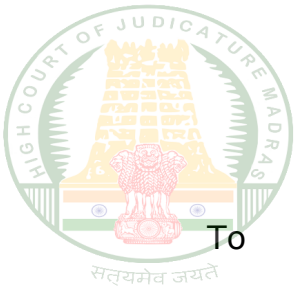
15. In order to ensure that wet land is not allowed to be destroyed by any construction activity, respondent No.8 is restrained from proceeding with any further construction work till the next date of hearing.

16. List this case on 12.11.2025.

17. Registry is directed to list W.P.No.12653 of 2017 along with this petition on the next date of hearing.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
31.10.2025

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To

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- 3.The Member Secretary
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- 4.The District Collector
Chengalpattu District,
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- 5.The Additional Chief Secretary
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- 6.The Member Secretary
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- 7.The Member Secretary
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