

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

Application No. 365 of 2013 (SZ) (*suo motu*)

Applicant(s)
Suo motu case
The News Item of Plan for a
Cricket Stadium in Thirupathi in
"The Hindu" dated 21.11.2013

Vs

Respondent(s)
Union of India, MoEF, New Delhi
and 8 others

Legal practitioners for respondent(s)
Smt. C. Sangamithirai for R-1
Mr. K. Ravindranath for R6, R-7,
Sri. T.Sai Krishnan for R2 to R5
M/s. D.Gopinath & Mr. Chithirai
Selvan for R-8
M/s. P. Balaram and M. Vasudeva
Rao for R-9

Note of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
Order No.	<p>Date: 30.01.2015</p> <p>Orders pronounced.</p> <p>In the result, this <i>suo motu</i> application is disposed of with the following directions:</p> <p>1. A direction is issued to the 8th respondent/Andhra Cricket Association to apply and obtain Environmental Clearance from the 1st respondent/Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India or from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), procedurally if warranted after finalization of all the details of the proposed International Cricket Stadium project.</p> <p>2. The 8th respondent/Andhra Cricket Association is directed to approach the 5th respondent/Andhra Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (APPCB) for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate at appropriate stages and the 5th</p>

respondent APPCB is also directed to consider the application as and when made by the 8th respondent and pass appropriate orders thereon in accordance with the law.

3. The 8th respondent is directed to pay a sum of Rs. 96.40 lakhs (Rupees ninety six lakh and forty thousand) only towards the compensation for unauthorized cutting and felling of trees in 25 acres of land in Sy.No.588/A, Alipiri Village, Tirupathi Taluk to the Tirumala-Tirupathi Devasthanam (TTD), Tirupathi within a period of 3 months herefrom and also the 8th respondent is further directed to plant 4000 saplings of different species as per the directions of the Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh within a period of six months herefrom and the Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh is directed to monitor and verify the compliance of this direction.

4. In so far as the remaining 5 acres out of the total extent of 30.01 acres leased out to the 8th respondent/Andhra Cricket Association by the 9th respondent/Sri Venkateswara University (University), Tirupathi, the 8th respondent is restrained by way of an order of injunction not to cut or fell any tree in the said extent of 5 acres either directly or in the guise of removal of thorny bushes without necessary permission from the Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh as required in law and while granting such permission, the Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh is directed to impose among other conditions that the 8th respondent/Andhra Cricket Association shall plant saplings 4 times of the number of trees cut in respect of which permission is granted.

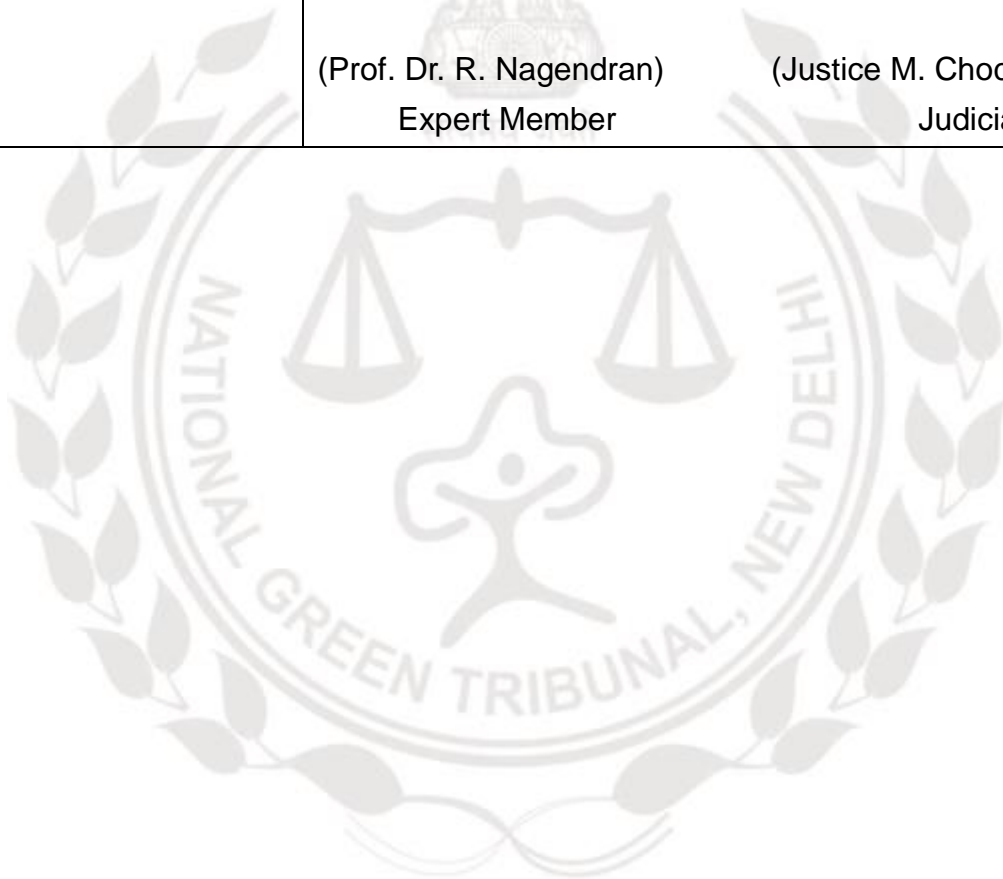
5. It is held that the 6th and 7th respondents representing the

TTD and the 9th respondent University are not liable in respect of the environmental degradation or damage to the ecology caused by the unauthorised cutting and felling of trees by the 8th respondent/Andhra Cricket Association in 25 acres of land in Sy.No.588/A .

No cost.

(Prof. Dr. R. Nagendran)
Expert Member

(Justice M. Chockalingam)
Judicial Member



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