Item No.02:-

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No. 43 of 2025 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion - **SUO MOTU** based on the News item in 'The Times of India', Chennai edition dated 03.03.2025, **"500 tonnes of waste to end up in landfills".**

And

The Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 17.03.2025.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu.

For Respondent(s): Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1 to R3.
Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith for R4.
Dr. S.B. Nirmalatha represented
Mr. Ramesh Kanna for R5.

ORDER

1. The above Original Application has been Suo Motu registered by this Tribunal based on a news item reported in *'The Times of India'*, Chennai Edition dated 03.03.2025, titled **"500 tonnes of waste to end up in landfills".**

2. Let notice be issued to the respondents through the Tribunal.

3. The learned counsel Dr. D. Shanmuganathan accepts notice on behalf of Respondents Nos.1, 2 & 3, Mr. S. Sai Sathya Jith accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.4 and Dr. S.B. Nirmalatha representing Mr. Ramesh Kanna accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.5.

4. The official respondents are directed to file the report as to why the sudden closure of these 200 Micro Composting Centres and the Resource Recovery Centres, as reported in the news item.

5. Let the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) also state whether any alternate arrangement has been made for source segregation, etc. in line with the Solid Waste Management Rules, when there is a sudden closure. Let the reports be filed on or before 27.03.2025.

6. Post the matter on **27.03.2025**.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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17th March, 2025. AD.