Madras HC permits Vaiko to oppose Vedanta's Thoothukudi plea

The Madras High Court permitted MDMK leader Vaiko, a traders' body, and an activist to implead as respondents against Vedanta's plea for a green copper plant.

A judicial proceeding where third parties and leaders are allowed to present objections against a corporate writ petition challenging the refusal of operating licenses by pollution control boards.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Madras High Court** bench comprising Chief Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice G. Arul Murugan issued the order on **November 2, 2026**.
- MDMK general secretary **Vaiko** was permitted to implead as a respondent in the writ petition filed by **Vedanta Limited**.
- Impleading petitions were also filed and allowed for **Tamil Nadu Vanigar Sangangalin Peramaippu** and activist **R. Fatima**.
- Vedanta Limited challenged the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board's (**TNPCB**) refusal to grant permission for a 'green copper' plant.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act was enacted by the Parliament of India in **1974** to provide for the prevention and control of water pollution.

The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act was enacted in **1981** to combat air pollution across the country.

The Environment (Protection) Act empowering the central government to coordinate actions of state authorities was enacted in **1986** following the Bhopal gas tragedy.

Article 226 of the Constitution of India confers power on High Courts to issue certain writs including habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, quo-warranto, and certiorari.

The **National Green Tribunal** (NGT) was established in **2010** under the **National Green Tribunal** Act for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection.

Article 48A of the Directive Principles of State Policy directs the State to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard forests and wildlife.

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Madras HC allowed Vaiko and activists to oppose Vedanta's plea for a green copper plant in Thoothukudi.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for Tamil Nadu judicial proceedings, environmental laws, and writ jurisdictions under Indian Polity.

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