

WRIT PETITION (PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION) CIVIL No. 202/1995:

This case is known as T.N. Godavarman Tirumulkpad Vs Union of India & Others. This case is remarkable illustration on the concept of sustainable development. The pronouncement of the apex Court can be summarized as follows:

- Forests include the areas noted in the Government records as forest, irrespective of ownership. The decision invoked the dictionary meaning of “Forests”.
- Running of saw-mills of any kind is a non-forest activity.
- Felling of trees has to be in accordance with approved Working Scheme/ Management Plan.
- Each State to constitute an Expert Committee for identification of forest areas, denuded forests and to assess the sustainable capacity of the forests.