**REIMAGINING THE GOOD CITY FROM ENNORE CREEK**

Interview Transcription

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**AUDIO BEGINS**

**[00:00]**

**R:** (They) come from there. (They) changed that place from there. Three hundred and twenty houses. Three twenty.

**VG:** Is it Suthanthiram (name of a place)?

**R:** Yes, Suthanthiram.

**VG:** Sir, record…

**R:** Huh?

**VG:** Sir, I’ll record?

**R:** Sure, do it.

Our Poongodi is from Lakshmipuram, the *ooru* (town) next to this.

**KC:** Suthanthirapuram?

**R:** Suthanthirapuram.

**KC:** \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\*

**R:** \_\_\_\_ \*unclear\* ask sir and do it.

**KC:** Yes. Yes. No problem. You keep speaking. I’m listening.

**VG:** We spoke last time, right, sir? We have some questions about that. Specifically, these 63 villages came together and formed an association (*sangam*), right? So, when did you form the association (*sangam*)? Could you tell about it?

**R:** The association (*sangam*) is 25 years old.

**VG:** 25 years?

**R:** The association (*sangam*)... Sixty three

**VG:** 63?

**[01:00]**

**VG:** Which *ooru* (town), sir?

**R:** Did you look at the letterpad?

**VG:** No, I haven’t.

**R:** Would you like to take a picture of the letterpad?

**VG:** Yes, wait.

**R:** Ernavoor, Tsunami kuppam, sir.

**VG:** Ennore?

**KC:** All associations of those 4 places…

**R:** \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\* an association for all those villages

**VG:** So Ennore, Kathivakkam, Tsunami kudivakkam

**R:** Ennore, Kathivakkam, Tsunami kudiyiruppu, Ernavoor

**VG:** Ernavoor. Four *ooru* (towns) together

**R:** 4 *ooru* (towns) comes

In these 4 *ooru* (towns) there are individual villages… these 60 villages

**KC:** Ernavoor… Ennore, Kathivakkam, Ernavoor and?

**R:** Ernavoor and Tsunami kudiyiruppu

**VG:** Tsunami kudiyiruppu

**R:** AR Nagar (area name unclear)

**VG:** AR Nagar (area name unclear)

**KC:** AR Nagar (area name unclear). Nearby Tsunami kudiyiruppu.

**R:** There won’t be anything like this anywhere else in Madras.

**VG:** Won't be there. That’s why…

**R:** The administrators of so many *Nagar* (places) together like this… have an association. When we keep an association meeting, all the village heads come. It is not political.

**[02:00]**

**VG:** Not political leaders.

**R:** Everyone will be together.

**VG:** Will be together.

**KC:** How many villages?

**R:** Sixty three.

What we have is the main in chennai. Has anyone else kept anything like this elsewhere?

**VG:** No. No. No.

63 associations (*sangam*) being there is huge.

**R:** We are now in Ramakrishna Nagar.

**VG:** Ramakrishna Nagar.

**R:** NearbyBharathiyar Nagar.

**VG:** Bharathiyar Nagar.

**R:** ThenNetaji Nagar.

**VG:** Netaji Nagar.

**R:** Tsunami kudiyiruppu.

**VG:** Tsunami kudiyiruppu.

**R:** Periya Kasi Koil.

**VG:** Periya Kasi Koil.

**R:** Then JJ Nagar.

**VG:** JJ Nagar.

**R:** ThenAnnai Sivagami Nagar.

**VG:** Annai Sivagami Nagar.

**R:** It’s AS Nagar.

**VG:** AS Nagar.

**R:** After that Indira Gandhi Kuppam.

**VG:** Indira Gandhi Kuppam.

**R:** Many such villages will come.

**VG:** Villages come.

**R:** (Villages) come till Ennore… port is there in Ennore… till the port. Same way this side.

Similarly, I know all the leaders from these villages.

**KC:** Are youthe president of it?

**R:** I’m there.It will come there… name will come\_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\* Tsunami kudiyiruppu… name

**[03:00]**

**R:** Apart from this, in our side \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\* association name

**KC:** Why did you start this organization?

**R:** What madam?

**VG:** Why did you start this organization?

**R:** It is because… now there will be a small village… 4 streets will be there and that is one village. There will be some 12 to 13 streets and that is one village. That is a big village and it will be economically valued. They (big village) will attack the small village even if they have a small problem. When attacked, they (small village) don’t have safety. Now if they join the association (*sangam*), there will be one person in the association (*sangam*) and we’ll go directly and ask and report to the police.

**VG:** You will report…

**R:** So, an association (*sangam*) is formed in all villages.

**VG:** All villages.

**R:** All villages are OK.

**VG:** Are ok…

**R:** Now a small village and big village don’t have conflicts directly.

**VG:** Conflicts don’t happen

**R:** Once, AS Nagar and Fishermen had a conflict. Some 4 to 5 people were slaughtered.

**[04:00]**

**VG:** *Ayayoo*

**R:** \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\* Many people fell in the sea and died. That’s why the association (*sangam*) was started.

**KC:** When did this happen?

**R:** That happened madam in 25. Before the association (*sangam*) was started. The association (*sangam*) was started after that.

**VG:** So AS Nagar means Annai Sivagami?

**R:** It is Annai Sivagami Nagar. It comes as AS Nagar because it’s Annai Sivagami Nagar. It’s Annai Sivagami Nagar because… our CM Kamarajar was there, right?

**VG:** Yes.

**R:** He kept his mother’s name. They (people of AS Nagar) are Tamil Burmese people from Burma.

**VG:** Tamil Burmese.

**R:** When they came to settle down, it was Railways’ land. He (Kamarajar) measured and gave them that land. It’ll be of the same size. When he gave that land, Kamarajar’s mother’s name was Sivagami - Annai Sivagami and he named it after her. So, it’s AS Nagar.

**VG:** AS Nagar.

**R:** Mostly, people call it ‘Burma Nagar’.

**KC:** Oh that’s only Burma Nagar huh?

**VG:** Yes. Yes.

**R:** To call it Burma Nagar it’s \_\_\_\_ (*solradhukku ‘idhuva’ irukku la*)... They changed it to AS Nagar.

**VG:** Changed to AS Nagar.

**R:** Annai Sivagami Nagar.

**VG:** Annai Sivagami Nagar.

**[05:00]**

**R:** A total of 13 streets.

**VG:** 13.

**VG:** Why did the fight happen between AS Nagar and?

**R:** How it (happened) as in… fishermen (community) and them (Tamil Burmese) are different communities.

**VG:** Yes.

**R:** They (Tamil Burmese) came from Burma. They (fishermen community) attacked them (Tamil Burmese)... how as in… saying you have come from outside. \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\*

Shouldn’t become them (*neenga dhaanradhu aaga koodadhu nu stop pantanga*)... so, they (fishermen community) stopped them (Tamil Burmese).

**VG:** Who?

**R:** Fishermen.

Because their houses are on the beach side.

**VG:** Yes.

**R:** If they (Tamil Burmese) go to that side (beach side), there is a dispute between each other.

**VG:** OH.OK. OK. (saying) why are you coming to our area?

**R:** Yes. (saying) why are you coming to our area? Attack…

**VG:** Attack comes…

**R:** Mostly attacks come like that. I was there in Suthanthirapuram, right? Some houses have to be taken. Officers have come. We are going to take a letter and go to the Zonal office. There also exists such problems. Adjustment between communities \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\*. Everyone’s occupation there is in the sea. They won’t come to this side. Our people work in construction, as daily wage labourers (*kooli).* These people have these jobs. Those people have those jobs.

**[06:00]**

**R:** Some of them…

**KC:** Are you not a fisherman?

**R:** No. Not a fisherman.

\_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\* when there is a problem in the community it’s like that…

Some of them have studied now. They were without education before. We shouldn’t say (but) they don’t act clearly.

**VG:** Won’t do it.

**R:** Now if we say sir and madam have come, they won’t even take it to their ears.

**VG:** Won’t take it.

**R:** Good project, right… \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\*... Government held a meeting to vacate the land till Ennore. We attended the meeting… For the site residence (*Kudiyiruppu*). The first person to put a signature in the meeting was me.

**VG:** Was you?

**R:** That day also I told you.

**VG:** You told.

**R:** Because (it’s) good for people. Likewise, we have to cooperate with the government.

**VG:** Have to (cooperate)...

**R:** Because government should be good and we should be good too. What if we don’t cooperate with the government? All land is government’s land.

**VG:** Yeah, government land.

**R:** Only if there is adjustment with them, they will help us.

**VG:** Will get help.

**R:** If we become opposite, we won’t get help.

**[07:00]**

**VG:** Won’t get help.

**R:** Government helps in all ways. Now a fire accident, they help. People die in water, they pass insurance. Similarly, for the fishing prohibition period (*meen pidi thadai kaalam*), they give money and help.

Like this the government helps a lot. We expect help alone (from them) then we should be helpful to them, right?

**VG:** Definitely. Definitely.

**R:** If we are not (doing) a lot, at least a small percent. Otherwise, we should make way for the projects they do.

**VG:** Make way.

**R:** Not stop it. How our people are… get gains completely… not their fault

Political leaders trigger them (people).

**KC:** So, when Suthanthirapuram was demolished, did you cooperate well?

**R:** That councillor, Madam… I lost by 110 votes. I stood for councillor in that area.

**VG:** Oh, you stood there and lost by 110 votes… Who won against you and won?

**R:** ADMK.

**VG:** Oh.Now to get into the fishermen area - will they tell us not to come into their area?

**R:** It’s not like that, sir

**[08:00]**

**R:** Now some people are good people - they won’t do wrong.

Leaders will be correct. What unnecessary people will do… going here and there… block people

**VG:** They block…

**R:** Block (outsiders) saying you shouldn’t come to our area.

**VG:** Ok, so, you formed the association (*sangam*) as a result of the conflict. How did 63 people come together?

**R:** We included each village one by one. We go and tell them like “If you are in the association (*sangam*) and need something, through the association (*sangam*), we will pass it.

There is someone - PK Ezhumalai - leader.

**VG:** PK Ezhumalai.

**R:** He is in AS Nagar.

**VG:** AS Nagar.

**R:** He listens to whatever we say. He is a leader.

**VG:** OK. OK.

**R:** He mingles with everyone… mingles with all the village leaders. He goes to all offices. He visits all the higher police officials.

**[09:00]**

**R:** I go with him… to all offices - Collector office, Commissioner office, our… Corporation office… (to) everything.

**VG:** (To)everything.

**R:** I go without any restrictions.

**VG:** go without any restrictions…

**R:** \*laughs\*

Rest of them, through political… whether to go or not, whether to talk or not…

Today at the office it got 10 minutes late because… \_\_\_\_ **\***unclear\* there is a madam… “Madam, this is our library room... don’t have a place for office room… give us a place… If you give us a place…” (I) said madam has come… if there is an office place we can sit there, right?

**VG:** Yes.

**VG:** Initially you said “we brought together the ooru (town)”. Firstly, who was central to that? Some 4 or 5 people…

**R:** PK Ezhumalai

**VG:** Ezhumalai. Then?

**R:** Vincent Rajarathinam

**VG:** Vincent Rajarathinam

**R:** Thenone more…there is one secretary…

**[10:00]**

Respondent:He's Gopal now we added two members, Venkatesan,Elumalai , Vincent

Rajaratinam,Gopal,Sankar and Thiyagarajan.They are leaders and rest were the leaders of

their respective villages.All of them were leaders.

GV: Are Periya Kuppam people included here? The fishermen are also her.

Respondent:All of them were here Periya Kuppam,Senner kuppam

GV: Including the Dalit colony?

Respondent:Yes including the Dalit Colony.

GV: In Ernavoor they said there are many associations?

Respondent:Yes Fisherman ,Dalit ,Muslim , Christian and all of them were here.All the

leaders from the community are here.Everyone is so social being here.

GV: Only one main leader will be there or else two or three will be there?

Respondent:If anything the people comes of anything serious the leader of the community

might come

GV: How often do you meet?

Respondent:Once in a month.

GV: Oh is it.On a Monthly basis.What are all the senses of meeting?

Respondent:If they have any problem they'll come, if not they won't.

GV: So you meet just the basis of any problems not just on a monthly basis?So what are all

the problems that you have solved?

Respondent: Mostly the problem would be community problem.So they do inter caste

marriage and mostly plot issues due to encroachment.

GV:So if the community problems what are all the issues would you like that will occur?

Respondent:So during elections and Government officials move in for field visits they people

just enquire that if anything happens we will go.

GV:Do you say for Ennore?

Respondent:Not only that one particular Government can't do that for everyone right.They

include all people right.

GV:So because of the vote bank and people who all have capabilities you'll say do it for

Ennore?

Respondent:We say do it for everyone.

GV:If any plan is laying in whether the officials communicate regarding that for example

regarding any factories and others?

Respondent: Sometimes there is ETPS right.They will call us for some meetings.The officers

arrange meetings and call us for that.Then common people will come.We check the petitions

are right or not.We hear what the government says and we will question something that if you

do good for people it will be better .We won't speak evil rather we speak that both people and

the government will be benefited.If we speak anything against that people will be sending me

out that Don't speak in the meeting.That time we shouldn't get speedened up rather we should

take one step or twice a step at a time.So that they could understand the situation.Speaking

suddenly won't make them to understand the situation.Our work is to correct them.If I go I'll

speak like this .At first the youth should get Education, everyone should get economic

empowerment, livelihood is the main characteristic. So that we can get all the benefits.If we

give cooperation to the government they will do the reverse.

GV:As it was 63 associations some are united .But some are against ETPS and how will you

take decision ?

Respondent:At first we will discuss that with our association by meeting which person our

problem will get solved and then we will meet that person.We move little by little, not at a

stretch.If we go, that brings chaos.

GV:Which community people are in this area?

Respondent:Mostly fisherman,next is Dalit,Muslim and Christians.Some Dalits are included

in both Christian and Muslim.

GV:Are there any upper caste people here?

Respondent:No they're less here.Around 2-3% .

GV:Are there separate associations for them?

Respondent:No not like that but they will be leaders of that community.But they will

cooperate well.

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GV:So the fisherman community is against the projects ?

Respondent:No madam .The Government had made them a society.They will get benefit

through the society.Like if they go to sea any crisis happens if they die they'll claim

compensation.They have all compensation through the fisheries department.Here fisherman

are the benefitted community.Other community didn't have any special offers

GV:When does AR Nagar get to bloom around 2005 right.Is AR Nagar is something

different.

Respondent:It's AS nagar.Annai Sivakami Nagar.

GV:So these development projects came here like EAD parry,ETPS,Kothari Company,Ashok

Leyland and all.Regarding to that development projects like construction of bridges and

others have happened right.What do you think of that? Have you represented the association

like that you should not do or you shouldn't do like this?

Respondent:That time the fisheries minister was KPP Samy.There is a huge bridge in Ennore

which connects across Ponneri and in Ennore they constructed across bridge in the river.By

constructing that Minjur and Ponneri have become covered up through Ennore.Usually it

takes One hour to half an hour to travel to city but it takes just half an hour to reach it as soon

as possible.

GV:While laying the plan whether they consult you people?

Respondent:Yes they came and consulted us.The fisheries minister envisioned the scheme

and said that it will benefit the fisherman community.All of us signed in the petition.No one

objected to the bridge proposal.

GV:Which project got objected here?

Respondent:The parry company and in North Madras there is a thermal power station right

.They started many people get employed.The VGP wonderland people got and Kalaingar

stopped that plan as it should be benefited to the people.Now many thousands of people are

working there.Or else VGP would have taken this land.The inhabitants of nearby hamlets are

employed in the nearby companies.Athipattu,Manali,Minjur,Gummidipondi these are the

areas where the surrounding villages get benefitted through this.

20:17

GV:Do you think it is good?

Respondent:Yes because other than that there's no other source of livelihood.

GV:In the Ennore area, what changes have happened according to you?

Respondent:The changes are better than before.Electricity,Water facilities are available

without any hindrance.Sometimes the flow may be shut off but it recovers.Everything is

healthy.People aren't cooperative in nature.They tend to have a nature of not understanding.

GV:As you said the association was established around 25 years ago,What are the changes

that it has produced? and what are the changes happening here within?

Respondent: Because of the association ,any development in the hamlets we go and provide

consultation.We speak with the Government officials.We have fixed camera and lights in the

highways.We did that things

GV:Why did you fix the cameras?

Respondent:As many people drive in two or four wheelers many robberies happens.If Police

questions us it's the responsibility to do so.From here till Ennore we did it the same.

GV:You mean the association?

Respondent:As 63 villages are there in the association right? By meeting a particular leader

we used to identify, sponsor and implement the program.They will sponsor like 10,25

cameras .

GV:So you will be getting the sponsorship?

Respondent:Yes we do.

GV:How many cameras have you purchased?

Respondent:Around 250 cameras.If you say in village approximately every street in a village

has a camera.AS nagar have fixed it so and Bharath Nagar too.For associations they will

establish cameras that don't have that is in the main road we used to establish.

GV: Government is supposed to fit this right.Why are you fitting it?

Respondent:We give the authority to the Police department by fixing certain points they used

to manage through nearby shops and any important places.In Jothi Nagar they have fixed

cameras now we have 63 camera's,in near the bridge right The sponsor is MRF.

GV:Who approached MRF either?

Respondent:I have worked in MRF.So The GM came to Bharathiar Nagar for a meeting then

he said whatever facilities you want we will do here.So we asked saplings and they organised

free eye camps and in the eye camp they delivered spectacles to everyone.Till MFL we have

fixed the cameras.The administration of areas are responsible for that.In main road we used to

install it.I have well spoken to the General manager so that he'll do whatever we ask.

GV:So other than camera and sponsors what are the things that you did?

Respondent:So I organised a camp for around 250 members and we gave eyeglasses for all of

them.So a famous hospital came and delivered the camp.Just because we can't invite random

people right .They did for free right.

25:00

GV:As you said it's 25'th Anniversary of the organisation, how was the organisation before

and now?

Respondent:At initial it was slow but now it was at full pace at working.The crimes are

reduced. That's true.Some small crimes happen but not the major crimes like conflict between

towns.The AC also appreciated it that he had never seen such a place,Even DC.Only the

drugs matters that smuggled through schools and we're going to discuss with them.Near the

highway there's a corner where the transgenders are there it's uncontrollable area of drugs

even small children are addicted.

GV:Are all the drugs near AR Nagar?

Respondent:No it's outside so there's no other control.In a street we knew people that it's

impossible in some outside areas.There everyone will come .Anyone will reside for rental

and go at any time .No one can control that.

GV:So many people come and go here for rent?

Respondent:As it's a city they want to stay with all facilities so they come here.

GV:So as you said Indira Nagar

Respondent:It's Bharathiar Nagar,if has 6 streets and also has 4 streets.There 's a another

Ramakrishna nagar.In Tiruvotrriyur these are the major Nagar's here.Another one is

Radhakrishnan Nagar which is on the way to L&T right .These two are those.

GV:Why is there such importance to them?

Respondent:Just because the Government staffs are there.So there will be engaging

stuffs.They won't benefit through that and they say we won't need that.I once asked even if

you get give it to some poor one they said if I get it will be like I got this .So they stopped

getting it.In ration shops there's a white card where no provisions should be provided for

them except some important provisions they used to have those cards.They uses it for

identification not for any other stuffs.As the coastal erosion happens they alloted the

houses,they said here you don't allot houses for us.

30:00

Respondent:They said we don't need free houses.I have never seen one like that.

GV: What sort of work do they do, Sir?

Respondent: They're in MRL,MPL,Ashok Leyland, in NGOs persons and Government

staffs.There is no house without people with no jobs.Everyone is Employed.

GV: So they're very rich?

Respondent:Yes they are.

GV:From the incidents as the people in Nagar are rich and there are some poor .Whether the

rich take any advantage and get any offers?

Respondent:They can but they don't do such kind.That God should do and acknowledge.

GV: For example if any happenings are they dominating ?

Respondent: Whenever some water pipeline works are happening it is important that the

work in that area gets completed within a day or hours. But for people like us it takes days

and that's surprising for us as it takes 1 hour for them and 1 week for others.I can't

understand that.If any electricity damage it gets repaired in a day.No where the problem

appears.

GV: Are there 63 associations?

Respondent:Yes the ramakrishna nagar is there.

GV: Whether they can dominate in the association?

Respondent:No they can't.As everyone they should be.As I came some things I have done for

development and created opportunities.While I went through the corporation office on the

beach side they're clearing certain lands and some lands are to be accommodated for the

welfare of the people.

GV: Why didn't they clear the houses?

Respondent:They cleared the houses and people who have surveyed done it wrongly.It was

emergency and people who gave houses were married and they can't survive there.The

Government is constructing houses and the ration card issue is there.You know what

happened the government had stopped the free housing scheme and if you want to get new

house you should pay and get.They say i you're paying rent right so pay that to me by buying

a house.

33:02

GV: What do you think about this?

Respondent: Usually the place should be green ,filled with lakes and ponds but now

changed.The present MLA said he took care of the temple near the beach,pond and pine tree

are present those days and then they destroyed the place by thermal plant establishment.It

was a huge village those days Then only everything changed.

GV: Then it went under sea?

Respondent:Yes many things went under.As you said the church from here it was 2 furlong

distance.You can't see sea from this road.You can go and sea.Only by depositing rocks they

prevented the entry of sea water if it's not it went to be a disaster.The town won't be exist.

35:40

GV: So people in your town went aside?

Respondent:Yes most people went to Tsuni quarters.The people evacuated from there are in

Tsunami quarters now.

GV: As you said through association you're involved in Land issues and regarding that so

have you been involved in any problems?

Respondent:While purchasing a plot if there's a problem arising between two parties we'll

resolve.By then the president's of the villages might be involved in getting the matter done.

GV: Those plots don't have any documents?

Respondent:That's impossible because this village has no patta.Nethaji nagar has no patta and

AS nagar has no patta.The Highway department can't take lands from them as it has no

patta.This one is patta.Bharathiar Nagar and Harbour land has no patta.If they orders to

evacuate the land we'll do.

GV: As there is no patta the association is a strong hold for various solutions for land

issues.Which sort of village has patta and which doesn't have.

Respondent:This land has patta as it was harbour land which was encroached but now it got

patta registered.

GV: So encroachment means buildings are constructed ?

Respondent:Yes they did.They did and 2 generations have been came now.Now they can't

relocate them as everyone constructed two to three houses.I used to recommend for them by

meeting with collector .Even collector is holding the issue just because it's a harbour land so

that we need spaces to carry containers and everything.So whoever the ruling party we need

to support them.Now DMK we're supporting them.Previous ADMK we supported by

supporting all the issues are still at stake.

GV: In 63 associations whether all partymen are there now?

Respondent: Everyone are there.DMK ,ADMK, Communist,Congress, MDMKand everyone

are there.We are living as brothers.During election time they work for them and we work for

ourselves.No issues will be happening regarding party issues.

GV: What are the challenges faced by your associations?

Respondent:In our association decent people will be there.There will be Educated people and

they possess a skill of writing and public speaking.First thing is we won't invite people who

drink.

GV: How do you appoint people?

Respondent:Our leader calls us so we go and we discuss elect among ourselves if not we'll

discuss with a great crowd.

GV: How you organise crowds and meetings.

Respondent: Usually slum boards nominate one and people elected me as part of 63

associations.

GV: This 63 association leader right Elumalai .How you elect him as leader?

Respondent:In the beginning there's a quarrel between Fisherman and the area where he

belong.Then they decide if it'll be like this we won't live forever. The problem will be

continuing. So he started the head practice of the association.

GV: So he's been a leader for 25 years? Won't it be changed?

40:30

Respondent:No.If he did any wrong it won't be changed.If he's correct nothing will be

changed.If he's not well he should appoint some sort of subordinates during his illness.

GV: So all the members are here for 25 years?

Respondent:They might be living beyond that.Its named Village Collaboration Movement

and it has 60 villages collaborating in it.

GV: Won't you conduct elections for chairman and secretary? Is there no need for that?

Respondent: There's no need.Financial matters won't involve there.Problems appear if it's

based on finance.Whenever we plan to meet we used to discuss regarding that.

GV: So there is no allocation of funds for the association?

Respondent:No we won't.

GV: Have you registered it ?There is no number?

Respondent:There is no symbol ah .

GV: So it's not registered.Then it's formed for your will.For need to change based on need?

Has an election ever happened before?

Respondent:If we want to change the persons should nominate so they can change.Why we

won't change means he's a main leader there as it mentioned it crosses barriers like caste ,

community, religion .If ADMK leader comes he speaks for us and if DMK leader comes he

might speaks for us.

GV: So tomorrow how do you expect the place to be? That is the Ennore part of your area.

Respondent:If you ask me.I will say many things.Children should get educated.Schools

should be made for them.Likewise Water facilities in AR Nagar should also be

made.Electricity facilities, Road facilities should be made and Hospitals should be

strengthened enough as considered for the population.For us two Library should be

established .Likewise employment generation opportunities and livelihood opportunities

should be generated more in number.Because there is no job.What they're doing means they

sell fruits , vegetables,lentils etc .If rainy season happened their livelihood is getting

affected.What they will do? They establish the shops by informal loans and they manage

family through the income.If you come by the side you may see how many of them holding

shops.These many people are without any livelihood opportunities.The Government should

do for them by constructing complex for them.It will be benefited for both Government and

them.Most importantly the income from the livelihood is most important . Without that

nothing can be claimed.If they have two children everyone is eager towards education.Those

days most of us employed us for cattle grazing.But now it's not the situation ,every child is

eager towards getting educated.I'll show the primary school it might looks like a

convent.They study well and but they don't make them study that's the problem.

GV: In the government school?

Respondent:Yes Yes. Students are getting well educating there with enormous English

fluency but they won't make them study because they might come new.Most students don't

study .They used to drop between age of 15-17.They mingle with like minded one and they

develop bad habits.Now the children have no discipline.Very worst behaviour are exhibited

by them.If you see the small kids at least they have one bad habits.It cannot be changed we

don't know how to change.Even the small kids were addicted to drugs.Through chocolate the

drugs are prevalent among students.Through that they're using them.There are people using

them through the drugs like getting their works done.Boys are the main target for them.

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GV: So children's future is your necessary statement?

Respondent:For me first education and employment is the essential that I need.

GV: For employment if industries are meeting the employment needs and also the

environment is getting affected a lot .What do you think regarding this?

Respondent:So that the government should act in away that they should not allow factories

amidst the residential areas.Long back they said it's Gummidipondi now it now have been

under environmental crisis.If you go to Athipattu and pudhunagar they constructed the

houses in a situation of flooding during rainy season.If any rain happens it takes three months

to drain complete water.

GV:Does Atthipattu pudhunagar come in your associations?

Respondent:No we have till Ennore?

GV: Have you gone?

Respondent:No we planned to go there.Do you know how the nagar emerged? The people

from North Madras wish to go to work from there so they planned to create a nagar like

this.It'completely a place for salt extraction.

GV: Atthipattu Pudhunagar?

Respondent:Yes the complete area is.One side they extract salt is kelambakkam,Thiruporur

and Kovalam.There is another in Marakkanam near Pondicherry.Like those place this was

once upon a time.They have extracted salt from here.

GV: In your childhood times how the place looked like?

Respondent:Once I was studying at school I came here at last near Ennore . The boat was

getting constructed like in Kasimedu. They did like a Kattumaram.So whenever a Tsunami

comes and Sea erosion happens we will be here only.

GV: While you're saying I remember you said you owned a 5 cent of land.You also said that

there's a complaint regarding that and a case is also filed against them in Indirapuram

Respondent:It was given by the government and it went away in Sea erosion and then the

highway authority took them.Now there's no land.All of them went inside the sea.Around

they gave 120-130 houses with Patta.Sour house was built in Highway land.

GV: You mentioned that you petitioned the collector.

Respondent:We have everything done and met him but not for this.

GV: Oh not for the 5 cents.Do you have patta for that?

Respondent:No we don't have one now.It was worth 100 rupees .

GV: During which period you got this.

Respondent:During Congress Minister Maragatham Chandrasekhar.As I said around 1960's.It

was military land and the government took back it .They gave 5 cent for 100 rupees and she

was also involved in the Rajiv Gandhi Murder issue.

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GV: When does the land go inside the sea?

Respondent:During Tsunami times.Sea erosion came like around two to three times.It must

be around 10-15 years ago.

GV: I'm asking when does the 5 cent land get inside the water?

Respondent:Around 30-35 years ago

GV: What's the reason it went inside?

Respondent:Due to the construction of Kasimedu Harbour it went off like nothing.Its like as

they're constructing like in Thiruvotriyur.Yes due to Kasimedu it went like anything they

never made some alternative to protect it.While they constructing if any hindrance they

placed the land would have been here now.Now they're loading stones in Ennore as it eroded

a lot.Even in AS Nagar they're doing a lot.In Indira Gandhi Nagar also

GV: They're doing it now?

Respondent:Yes they're doing that for protection.

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