**REIMAGINING THE GOOD CITY FROM ENNORE CREEK**

Interview Transcription

**Interview Information**

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Respondent: You need to know about Ennore?

GV:Yes.When everybody comes when the place has started?

Respondent:This place was started around 4 generations from now.

GV: You're a fourth generation?

Respondent:Fourth generation means think about it and we're second family.

GV: To the town?

Respondent: Yes we're a second family to the town.

Respondent:Yes second family and myself is fourth generation.Before there was a wall behind.Ennore Thermal power station,Ashok Leyland ,and Inner foundries were the companies there.

Respondent

GV:When did these companies come? About the 60's?

Respondent:40-45.If 4 the generation then calculate .

GV:1940's and around

Respondent: My father was born in 1947 here during independence.Before that my grandfather and great grandfather were here.

GV:May be 1900's or 1800's.Is this the oldest town?

Respondent: No .It's one of the oldest.From Ennore this is the last

GV:Yes 1800's.Late 1800's.Are you the second family to the village?

Respondent:Yes second family

GV: Who's the first family?

Respondent: No one was here now.

GV:Where did you come here?

Respondent: Actually They're saying we came from Ponneri

GV:What business for your grandfather?

Respondent:My father worked in a matchbox factory and my grandfather too.Before that we did agriculture.Both my father and grandfather worked in Wimco as it was famous here.Now it's closed.Then Ashok Leyland, ITC was here.Full of companies are here.Around sea shore more people worked in Wimco.Those generation are prevalent in Ernavoor like people belong to those days.Now Wimco closed ITC took over it.

GV:Can we say Ennore developed based on Wimco?

Respondent: Yes we can say.Because the factory was main and EB.Next to the place Athivakkam there is Ennore Thermal power station.

GV: Whenever new factories come people will come ?

Respondent:Mostly factories are here.First thing matchbox,Ennore power plant is electricity ,Leyland manufactures the chase and spare parts are by Inner boundaries.

GV: As we say the map is this Chinna Ernavoor?

Respondent: Chinna Ernavvor is before the bridge.That'old and this is first.Then developed is Chinna Ernavoor.From Main Ernavvor many branch areas have been formed.

GV: How many people will be there?

Respondent: Around 3000 plus people will be there.

GV:3000? 3000 families or people?

Respondent:3000 families.

GV: Have you been here for around 100 years?

Respondent:Might be 1000 years. Yeah around 1800' s we're here.Earlier it was around 11 houses in the village.That was our paddy fields around 10 -20 acres .Just 11 houses .

GV: Around what village?

Respondent: Surrounding that Maankombu village and 11 families are still here.In Adi dravidar colony around 10 families were there.

GV:Is the place surrounded by water?

Respondent: No ,Mango tree,Bamboo and Pine trees were there at Initially.

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GV:Is there no water around?

Respondent:Those days wells are there and also tunnels.Yes for them also the had wells and tunnels.

GV:Was there any River there?

Respondent:Yes ,the railway gate right.It's a river.For tap water the allikulam ,they used to call Thamaraikulam and three ponds which are the main sources of water for us and also 10 wells.For what? It's for villages.DTCP took the land around in 1955.There were no ponds.But there you were standing right with a vehicle it was a pond then.

GV: Oh Pond.

Respondent:For each temple there is a pond.The ponds are the sole resources for water .There were no other water bodies.No water.

GV:As you said all these ponds were in Ernavoor?

Respondent: Yes it was in Ennore.As in 80's they did an extension work and all the ponds were destroyed.It was changed into factories.

GV:So as these companies come what they do?

Respondent:Ashok Leyland, ITC,Parrys and manu companies come and give employment, they encroach land and they change into plots and houses was raised.Around 100 villages have changed as lands.The remaining was Bajanai Kovil.Those days in small houses around 10 people lived but now the houses was constructed huge.Those who come late after us have developed but we're struggling since then.

GV:Is this a ward ?

Respondent: Yes this belongs to fourth ward under the corporation.Zone -1

GV:What's the name of the ward?a

Respondent:In corporation there are 200 wards it's 4'tb ward.The Zone is 4.

GV: Is there any lake here ?

Respondent: The lake is Buckingham canal,as it goes towards Central.That's where pattarai the temple is there right the company.It goes under the company and it is our town.The story is my father and forefathers had paddy fields so they used to devote Mumeewaran .They tend to do sacrifice of cow,goat.Like wise the government took EDS and they tried to remove the temple.But it caused huge deaths many people have died.As many people dying they didn't destroy the temple from the place.As the elders asked the priest if you take EDS this is the scenario.Do you know what the Engineer did he constructed something across the temple.The temple is underground and went to devote.All Friday Pooja and Amavasai Pooja used to happen.

GV: Can everyone go?

Respondent: No you should seek permission as it was inside the company.

GV: Is it allowed for anyone?

Respondent: No not for everyone.But if you ask for you guys they will allow you.

GV: Would you able to take us there?

Respondent: Yes we can.Say one day we'll do.Those days when company runs we use to go now it was not operating. It's shut down.Conveyor belt used to run, when we go inside the plant .

GV: So everyone is happy when the company came?

Respondent: It was happy at first it came now it's sad. First thing is pollution and the land was our father's land.It got encroached and destroyed.

GV: The government took the land and didn't pay you ?

Respondent: They took the land and laid but it was low those days.If the land was present now I would have been a farmer.Everything is lost.

GV: Are they compelled you guys to give lands

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GV:Did they give job to your father?
Respondent:My father worked in an old factory so they didn't give jobs to him.Now they give easily for people here.Those days we were only few people.People who gave land became permanent employees.That is only after 30-40 years after that too this generation.
GV:Is Ernavoor composed of People working in Factories?
Respondent: Yes almost outsiders.They come and work here If they're job is done once they return to their own place.Ashok Leyland people worked in the factory was once numerous so once the areas was filled with workers of that particular company in Girija Nagar.If they get retired they'll shift from the place.
GV:They pack?
Respondent:They sell the house and leave the place.Usually people used to stay here if they go for another factory but now mostly everyone returns.
GV:Are there any other nagars present here?
Respondent:Yeah many nagars are there.Like Ashok Leyland, MRF,Parrys,Wimco these many factories are there.That many people are there.In Girija Nagar only Ashok Leyland people are there.
GV:Only from the same factory?
Respondent: No mixed population.Ernavvor liked it because of people who belong to MRF, ITC personally.He also worked in Ennore Foundries once he got voluntary retirement.
GV:Oh. is it?
Respondent:Just because his native is here he's there if his native is somewhere he'll fly.This is my ancestral town.Children who studied leave the place .What the children will say is We don't leave the place.Persons who studied IT from here get job from IT getting settled in foreign and many countries.Parents are still here.
GV:So they don't return
Respondent: Actually the parents are stayed here to work.If they call us for jobs we won't go.Other's may come and go.They go settle in Anna Nagar
GV:Why do they go from this place?
Respondent:For studies they tend to go for faraway places.Even Though the schools are good,The teachers' knowledge is limited, people go for Anna Nagar Sboa,and there are students who travel 4 hours for schools and they get tensed.That's why people plans to move there.
GV:Is this due to being outside the city?
Respondent:No it has become a city and it comes under corporation.
GV:But it's due to just it's exterior to the city
Respondent:Yes people usually think .If some facilities comes here it'll become a city itself
GV:What are the facilities here?
Respondent:All facilities are here.
GV:Is there a hospital?
Respondent:Yes.Here Government Hospital here,Sugam is here from here 2 kilometres.Inside Ernavoor there are no hospitals.
GV: Nearby there are no hospitals?
Respondent: Yes.It's just 2 kms
GV: What about Schools and colleges?
Respondent: There is no college.Only one Government college is present here.Its in Tiruvottiyur.Some namely Government College is there.
GV: As you said 11 families are there? In which year they're present? Till which time they're present? When will the people start to come?
Respondent: Around from 1965 ,people started to come.The Nadar families comes to do business.Around 65 they start to come.Since I know,I've been born in 1962,they started to come from then
GV: What does the Nattar family mean?
Respondent:It means people who come to do business like provision shops
GV: Oh.The Nadar community?
Respondent:Yes Yes,later the malayali community starts to come when the EB is built.
GV:What other communities have started to come here?
Respondent:All the communities started to come and then the development happened.
GV: As you said the Nadars have come for business , malayalis have come for EB. Are any other communities arrived for any particular factory?
Respondent:Sir there are Telungars,Naickers people Whenever got their jobs they started to settle here.
GV: Originally which community is present here?
Respondent: Mudhaliar community is the original community here no other is said to be original here.It's a Mudhaliar belt.

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GV:Does the Wimco factory have more Mudaliars?
Respondent:Yes Wimco factory consists of Mudaliar in every thing for generations.Al the things from Attender is Mudhaliar there.
GV: In Ashok Leyland ?
Respondent: No, some entered it was famously a factory at first.Ashok Leyland came after that.Yes it came in 1920's and in that the salary is more.
GV: As you said we had land and the land was acquired for ETPS,the people had come from Ponneri?
Respondent:What can we say? From our grandfather this is our native.This is our ancestral area.We migrated from here.
GV:Are the agricultural lands ancestral?
Respondent:Yes it's ancestral.
GV:What sort of agriculture did they do?
Respondent: Agriculture like Pine tree plantation,then they change depending on the season.I don't know as I know it's rice. Every home has marakal and all measurements.
GV:For your remembrance they didn't continue agriculture?
Respondent:No .These all came in 1955-1965.1962.I know when it's around the 70's.
GV: According to your memory ,it's a factory?
Respondent:As the EB constructing while we told that the water should go inside the drain whatever the rainfall the drain will come through Magaali Amman Kovil.Water will flow through from Tamaraikulamas as the area is water flowing area now they have closed with a compound.We have. Asked to build a drainage or else the houses will be flooded.
GV:In some areas one pond gets filled by another. Is there anything like this?
Respondent: Yes it happens like in Thamarai kulam, Allikulam etc
GV:From which river the water get flows
Respondent:It's rain water that's all.Another one is said as Vannankulam.It means the Vannars who used to wash clothes and it is named as Vannar kulam.
GV:That community also lived here.
Respondent: All community people lived here.
GV:Where are those people's places?
Respondent: There is no such that everything is combined.Other than Vannar ,Yadava family started living as they were milkmans.
GV:Are they living separately?
Respondent: No they're present in my line.Usually they lived separately now they've started to live among community.As first they don't build fencing.They usually give up the lands.
GV: As you said the people working in Company started to ask for lands?
Respondent:Yes it is but people who wish to ask for lands and temples for cheaper price and they used to accept.As the village was empty.How they start the temples means ,pay money for temple then you take the land.Then persons working in ITC, Enfield and then working in Railways bought lands here.
GV:Then when the crisis-like landless situation occurred?
Respondent:In 1995 the crisis started .About 1980's - 1995 the crisis had started.From 1995 we can't go near any lands.
GV:Like when ETPS was there the lands after that no lands was there.As you said Grama natham how many was there

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Respondent: Except Bajani koil all the others are grama natham.The Bajanai koil is Nanjai Punjai koil.That one street must be there.
GV:One street only.
Respondent:Now everything is documented.
GV: Even Though the grama natham the patta has to be provided right.
Respondent:Yes it gives.My living place is Grama natham.In that place itself the village people got the patta.
GV:Are there any protests regarding getting Patta?
Respondent:No issues.
GV:If you ask, will they give ?
Respondent:Yes it's easy for Grama natham to get.everything is developing
GV:After that how the water,drain ,road have developed?
Respondent:The drainage was built in Kalaingar's period.
GV:Is it underground drainage?
Respondent: Drainage around 10 years ago.
GV:Under Kathivakkam ?
Respondent:Under Tiruvotrriyur municipality
GV: So underground drain is present?
Respondent:Yes .
GV:What about other water?
Respondent:Metro water is there for eveyhouses.We can take metro water from roadside.All these things are present.
GV:So you have these facilities?
Respondent:We have built rainwater harvesting .Here there are no disturbances by bus ,there is only disturbances due to train.That is starting from that period.
GV:As you said you worked in Ennore Foundries ,do you know the year?
Respondent:It's 1995.Now it's Ashok Leyland.Indhuja no.Ashok Leyland division has been merged.
GV:Have you applied for that job or else themself called of for that job
Respondent:They started recruiting.In EB as well as there they started recruiting.In 1994.
GV:How they do callfer?
Respondent:For example if the manager , assistant manager is there if anyone from Ennore Foundries knows me they used to recommend me for the job.All of them belonged to Ennore Foundries.
GV:So that everything is due to recommendation by the employers present there ?
Respondent:Yes my Elder uncle picked up many people for factory jobs.He also helped me to get a job.I got 28 years of service.
GV:You got VRS?
Respondent:No I'm aged.And some other works too.Now also you're actively speaking
GV:When did you get the VRS?
Respondent:One year ago
GV: What's the plan?
Respondent:No one plan.I was a treasurer in the village.I will look after the village temples which are two in number.So it's a common wellness, public service.
GV: It's like that you're the last permanent employee from the company?
Respondent: No .Many are working
GV:No .Many are there in contract right?
Respondent:Yes there are many contract workers .They may be 500 employees.
GV:How many people were there before?
Respondent:4000 persons.
GV:All of them were permanent employees?From 4000 it's 500 now?
Respondent: Everything is done by machineries right now in Ashok Leyland there were 7000 employees.Bus is manufactured by Ashok Leyland and the spare parts are manufactured by Ennore Foundries.For them both is governed by same Employer.He divided this part by part.Now they merged.Have you enquired about them and the area?
GV:Yes about them and their resettlement areas like Singaravelar Nagar.If we want to know the place we should get information about every area so we're doing som
Respondent:Have you enquired in Ennore?
GV:Yes we asked.
Respondent:There are fishermen there.Actually Parry company was the place of fisherman,now they moved away from their origin. Even Though they filed a case they didn't win it.I got upset with the police. Many people filed a case against this but they said there is no house where you should obey the government. That's how they didn't win.
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Respondent:You are surrounded as the land is there .You are working nearby and surrounded the land.

GV:As you said water caused something like Fluorosis, is that so?Are you talking about the Sathyavani MuthuNagar case?

Respondent:No no this is EID Parry Ennore.

GV:What case is that?

Respondent:It causes Eye irritation in us.Due to ammonia gas comes into my boundary,we used to run ,for that they have filed a case.They changed that as they manufacturing in the ship itself.As they filed a case they can't win.The company people had got bail.So that the government gave oppressed land for us due to gas leakage just like they didn't go what should have done the government questioned us.

GV:When did the case happen?

Respondent:The case went for many years.The fisherman community knows it.The fishermen are more in my company.

GV:Do you know his name?

Respondent:No I don't know about him.Id you see Ennore foundries they are huge in number so most of the workers are fisherman.SC caste and Mudhaliar are more in number there

GV:Where?

Respondent:In Ennore foundries.This three communities dominate there a lot.Three of them were equal in number.

GV:What sort of jobs that Mudhaliar used to have there?

Respondent:They used to be in good jobs because they have union there.The union should be supporting the community.As they're supporting some community people getting oppressed

GV:In union who's the leader?

Respondent:Now Raja Gandhan.

GV:As I know Ennore foundries have offices here right as I saw Ennore Foundries employee union.

Respondent:Not everyone has an office.ITC and everything has an office.But ITC now doesn't have his own authority.For our company also he plans to take authority.So that he decreases the staff.

GV:Do your factories have pollution and quarrels among yourselves?

Respondent:Yes everything happened. What the management did was he handed the temple priest money and some sort of relief materials to all the people around here.What he wanted to do for the villages he did.

GV:So people here are supporting the factories?

Respondent: Absolutely people are supporting.There is protest for that but even though people are supporting.

GV:Anna what you did here behalf of DMK?For the development of Ernavvor what are the things you did?

Respondent: I'm a basic member.In our ruleany facilities have been done.We have done facilities like drinking water,school, drainage,lights and all other things.For this village no other facilities before but we can't do any other things.As the factories are there for these places are enough .There is no railway station.We asked the subway for the route to go for the graveyard from the MP Kalanidhi he said he'll do.

GV:Apart from that you're having all the facilities?

Respondent:Everyone goes peacefully here because the transport problem matters.

GV: You're living happily?

Respondent:Yes we're.

GV:Do you know the boundaries of Ernavoor? Are you able to tell by seeing the map?

Respondent:What should I say?

GV: You've to say Where Ernavvor is?

Respondent:The river is around 100 km right.Then it's the Buckingham canal right From there it's 3 km.

GV:So Ernavoor is here right?

Respondent:Yes it's here only.

GV:As you said the pond there were new works going on there?

Respondent:Yes, that's Ernavoor.

GV: So it's like a boundary and like an Island.What are all the boundaries there?

Respondent:There is a bridge right at the overbridge.EDS bridge is another one here near the Manali White Course road ,the bridge is locked right.That's it we need to go around the bridge.

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Respondent: Do you understand it?

GV: Yes Yes .

Respondent: The bridge is locked, no transport there.The container used to come near ,this side is Buckingham canal.

GV: This side is still Ernavoor?

Respondent: Yes Ernavoor.ETPS is not running.It's locked.

GV:What about the coastal area?

Respondent:That's fisherman.Apart from the railway gate.Near the railway track you go around the sea will come.If you go round there you'll reach the beach.You can go Thiruvanmiyur from there.

GV: Where's that track?

Respondent:Yes the track which is closed.You didn't see the railway track?

GV:Yes we saw.

Respondent:The beach is there and there is a road close to it .From that you can go straight from Thiruvanmiyur and straight.

GV: The town is a bit closed and there is only one town?

Respondent:The outsiders didn't like that town but for me I love my town But if I go somewhere I should come immediately because I can't live out there.Are you understanding.If I go out from the place i can't live or else I would have died.That thought deepens in me.Because my town is soaked in my blood.The outsiders didn't have interest about the town.They come and go.But some malayalis if they're children are born here if they get attached here they didn't move from here.They say like you can go to hometown we can live here itself.

GV:What do you like here?

Respondent:There are no fights,rowdyism.The street is so silent.The people's support is there.Wherever you go peace is there.You can't do rowdyism other than us.There is fear just because of older people.

GV:Anna, you said that we're supporting people who come from outside?

Respondent:Yes we usually support.They used to be members in our Village.If I'm the village head,they became members by registering with a card,that I bought a house and they became members?

GV:Do you have an association?

Respondent: Yes,we have Ernavoor Grama Nala Sangam.In that sangam around 400-500 houses are there.All the 500 houses should have been booked under the sangam.As they're there if any problem we used to stand with them.Whatever it's good or bad.

GV:How many families are here?

Respondent:450 families.in that Kamaraj Nagar,Gandhi nagar,BrindhavanNagar,Girija Nagar,Vasanth Nagar are not part of it .It's Ernavvor but it's away.

GV:Why is it so?

Respondent:They are away from us . People living near the village come under this criteria.If something comes near Ernavoor grama Nala sangam means this area only .Others are outside the area.

GV:So Ernavoor village means 490 families?

Respondent: Ernavoor village is bigger.If you see from Tiruvotrriyur to Wimco everyone has come here since those days.

GV:490 ?

Respondent:450.It was 11 families at once later it increased to 450 in our sangam.450 families have increased and comes under Ernavvor grama Nala sangam.

GV:Anna the families have increased from 11 to 450 ,the industries have developed from a shift against agriculture. What's your thought about this?

Respondent:I feel sorry for not doing agriculture.I didn't feel the happiness that my father has .My father is a hardworker.He had 100 cow.100 cows and horses were there in my house.Mg father had horses for transport.My elder uncle was a railway contractor used this for money those times he had great money.We had big house here in the locality,which was constructed in 1927 duplex house, with a staircase constructed inside with teak wood.Everything is Rangoon teak .He brought from Rangoon.

GV:How ?

Respondent: Through ship.If you want to experience you can see my grandmother's home.No this the older house is there.The newer one was constructed in the 1980's.I'll show the older one.

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GV:How were they brought from Rangoon?

Respondent:He had Railway transport and a contract.

GV:Who ?

Respondent:My elder uncle

GV:Through him it came through the ship.All the wood are Rangoon wood .Here it won't be available.Teak is not available here.Through Buckingham canal the woods came here.They brought from the ship.

Respondent:You feel sorry about it.

GV:Do you feel industrial development is good?

Respondent:Yes.But they didn't provide employment.They don't give employment for children.They're fixing the contract and it's wrong.

GV:Those times you got employment?

Respondent:Yes I got.Through that my family cherished.In 90"s the jobs decreased.

GV:After the 90's they didn't recruit?

Respondent:No .After the 90's the management had changed their policies.Just people working hard they replaced automation.

GV:Just because the factories are here you didn't get benefitted?Is there anything like pollution?

Respondent: We don't get benefitted.Yes yes the pollution is there.If they open EB ,the fly ash from that will release.Around Thiruvottiyur the pollution peaked.From Manali the MPL,MFL mostly it's surrounded by industries,TPL; Everything is industrial area.

GV:Do you have any breathing issues regarding that

Respondent:No nothing happened by God's grace. It's 100 percent.

GV:Has it become a big issue?

Respondent:No, no issue has happened.We are surviving well.

GV:As you said ETPS was there they used to release fly ash and other waste. Does this cause any problems?

Respondent: Nothing caused .Once in a while around 2-3 times they would have opened that.Other than that no issue happened.They know people would have objected.

GV:Oh they know people would have objected .Have you objected before ?

Respondent:No we didn't since.From Ernavoor side we didn't.We raised a query regarding a canal issue.If you to Manali side , they'll say about that.They used to fire and object that.Sometimes they used to fire with Ammonia gas ,the complaint should arise from Manali.

GV:Anna you've been in Ennore for 4 generations. What do you think of good development that has happened here as you have seen? What are the bad developments that have happened here?

Respondent:There are both few good and bad developments.We can't say more about developments.

GV:Are factories developing right?

Respondent:Yes it is but there's no jobs.The development happened for me but didn't for the present generation right.If the developments are progressing it'll give happiness for me right .If it stops from me what's the use?it's nothing.

GV:So the development happened and stopped within a generation.

Respondent:Yes.If any one studies they can go higher places.They can't go here.They can go for contract here.

GV:So what are the positives and negatives about the developments happening here in Ennore?

Respondent: Positive is that we're the Chairman and treasurer.We're with the people and they're with us.Because others won't tell these much informations.Myself being the native I can tell about my village,my brought up ,my games but the games is not now existing

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GV:What are all the games?

Respondent:We play ghilli, spinning top,goli,we keep on running,we climb trees and pluck fruits,pluck cashew fruits and mangoes.Now I'm 60 years I'm healthy just because I ran during those days .When we play we gain energies

GV:As you said issues about the canal ,When you have the petition regarding that?

Respondent:5 years before we gave.Thats when they came to close the drainage we gave the petition.Now the Ennore Thermal power station had been closed and now renovated.After renovation they built the compound first,the hot water issue have been solved .While building the compound they did the compound with great depth.The water had entered into surrounding lands and just the rainfall happened it had become normal.Due to rainwater harvesting we prevent the water which flows through Buckingham canal and get mixed in river Cooum.

GV:How many years ago when the compound wall was constructed?

Respondent:Around 5 years ago.

GV:Before that?

Respondent:The compound existed but it's smaller in size.Everyone can go and come by climbing easily . People play can play there as ETPS has ground.Now the youngsters didn't know swimming but I know.Now it's fully covered around 23 acres they have constructed compound.So that no one can go.The major problem is that the youngsters didn't have any ground.That's the worrying part

GV:That is Even Though ETPS took your land ,they don't involve your mobility there?

Respondent: No they didn't.But they covered it.At initial they allowed us to play but due to thefts happening there they covered it.That is they stopped production in old and constructed a new one and it's constructed by the contractor.If it's old it'll be old and then it's closed.

GV:As you said in Ennore around 450 families are there,they are getting permits here,apart from these areas like AR Nagar has 50,000 families. What do you think of these places .Do you think that the structure of villages is changing?

Respondent:Yes really the development has changed Usually the administration particularly is one in Ennore but now it has many administration,like micro administration .

GV:Do you have any mega conflicts?

Respondent:No nothing

GV:Like they need something from here?

Respondent No.In Ernavoor I'd you there's Ernesshwar temple it has separate administration ,there' Bajanai koil for that separate administration is there,For Kamarajar Nagar it has separate administration,For colony it has separate administration.Here itself 7 administration is there.But in Ennore we're the main.From Bridge if you go till Alla Kovil there's 7 administration is there.All of them were oldest administrations.As you came if you go 10 metres you will reach Alla Kovil.It's the oldest.

GV:Are there any Muslims here?

Respondent:Yes when I was child they've been here.

GV:What are they doing?

Respondent:They worked in ETPS.They came based on company work.Or else they don't need this place .If the company is not there who needs this place ? Only we needs.The needed people are one is fisherman second is us and third is some other one.

GV:What's the negative thing about development in Ennore? Are you getting my point?

Respondent:There is nothing negative in this.We are there right.

GV:As we enquired with Poongodi akka she said that there's no problem as this is our town but many outsiders came.

Respondent:Yes that's an issue as the quarters was constructed for them near the coastal side ,due to the houses have been demolished as in quarters the good and evil people dwelled together it became a drawback.Tsunami quarters is the worst.As the quarters is constructed for houses destroyed by Tsunami it's called Tsunami quarters.

GV:So there is no problem from there to here?

Respondent:No problems will come.Here we have 4 tracks.we don't know which direction the train will come.In the same track two trains are directing we don't know what's happening.We didn't go to track.

GV:They didn't come here and you didn't go there?

Respondent:Yes only for the graveyard we go there by crossing the track.For that reason that is an old graveyard.

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GV:Other than that you people have no connection?

Respondent:No relation.

GV:Now the new Ernavor building rises right. What's your opinion on that?

Respondent:We don't know who's good and who's evil.

GV:How far is that?

Respondent: From here it's about less than 1-2 kilometres.

GV: Did it come under your boundaries?

Respondent:No.but it comes as per recent orders and implementation.that's Kathivakkam.It's not Kathivakkam it's Ernavoor.Where Ernavoor means till Kathivakkam Railway station it comes under that.Kathivakkam is not separate,its Ennore actually .The station is Ennore but they named Kathivakkamas the bridge slopes down that side is Ernavoor.To Anna Nagar there that boundary is Ernavvor.After that Ennore.

GV: So this building comes under Ernavoor?

Respondent:Yes Ernavoor.They had mentioned Ernavoor right? You're asking what they gave for us?

GV:Yes.You said about the management and land?

Respondent: It's like the thakkai kal which means Hollow block,like the stone which is made of white cement which is hollow,the land belongs to the government.

GV:Is that land useless?

Respondent:Yes over years some people have donated it .That building and quarters comes under the same category.

GV:Did the government buy? Or is the land is poramboke land?

Respondent:No the land is bought.Government bought the land and they constructed the factory in that.That is empty land and taken stake by the government.There is no EB, hollow block or quarters.When EB comes the quarters come.

GV:Do you feel is it good to develop that ? Or anything development surges here?

Respondent: That's why we didn't understand.It's unknown mystery.Do you know near that Tsunami quarters many thefts happening there.When we go to company people from there threatens with knife but if they allots from government and provide them some opportunities it will be fine for them.It will become developed.Population is also keeps on increasing.Do you know what are all the things inside there?There is a graveyard,police station,metro water all these things are inside that for 6,000 houses Everything is present inside.

GV: The houses are good with spacing?

Respondent:It's around 400-450 square feet .It 's not so big it won't suit us. We live in a broader one.we can't live out there.

GV: It's not like that it's small.

Respondent:Yes it is small.As they're giving money to the homeless If they're homeless if they apply,the authorities told us to pay a certain amount in instalments and 2 lakhs is getting covered under Prime minister's scheme, remaining we have to pay.

GV: As you said Ernavvor Kudiyiruppu Nala sangam.. Ernavvor Grama Nala sangam when it had started?

Respondent:Around 100 years .The last generation had it.They're maintaining the village.We belongs to that generation.That belongs to our caste.

GV: Is that administration through Elections?

Respondent:Yes through elections and that too during three years once.

GV: Are you in that?

Respondent: Yes.He's the treasurer.

GV: Is hein party?

Respondent:He's chairman of the party, teacher association treasurer, District Representative.

GV: How do you get time for that?

Respondent: What's your work ?

GV: I'm holding a business.I'm having a plastic shop in parry in Narayana Mudali street .For time pass I'm having here.

Timing 50:11

GV: You said you're managing two temples. What are those?

Respondent:Makaliamman Kovil, it's older than 1000 years .Even the stone prints are there for 1000 years..

GV:Has anyone read the stone evicts?

Respondent:That's the thing that no one read.What the people did was they renovated with cement ,polished so that the words are visible.My father doesn't know who did that.Even my grandfather didn't know that .It' s a north facing Kali,these are the forests.That' all villages and these are the forests .Amidst the forest they kept the statue.There is a place for sacrifice for killing cow and goat Now also they're watching.

GV:Is that 1000 years old?

Respondent:Yes that is .

GV: Another temple?

Respondent: It's our own village temple Ellaiamman.That's also the oldest one.That's the elder sister and this is the younger one.

GV: Have you ever heard of swimming ? Where did you practise?

Respondent:I have dived very well.Jumped into sea,wells, jumping into seas as well As in wells.First we bathed in sea then in ponds and then in wells.Near the Railway gate there's a well.We enjoyed during that time by remembering.

GV: Has this generation seen the ponds?

Respondent:No they didn't see that and all.

GV: Had it gone invisible?

Respondent:Yes it had.

GV: Why is it so?

Respondent:As the EB came it went along.The pond was big but no one has interest in bathing in these generations.But we're there our parents allowed.

GV: How big is that brother?

Respondent:It is so big and long.

GV: It has gone, means have it become plots?

Respondent:No one disturbed the pond.Hand in hand NGO cleans all the ponds so they removed the water lilies.

GV: Yes, they're cleaning.

Respondent:They removed the water lilies as per their CSR activities, they're removing for larger extent.I sometimes think that I need the village now

GV: Which village?

Respondent:The village where I was there l.As I played , memories of bathing in water,running .

GV: Is the pond the same size as the pond?

Respondent:No it's bigger than this .That is bigger than the pond which is under cleaning near Railway gate.This bigger than that.It is so long.3 Ponds are so long and also great breadth.

GV: As you said I need those village days but you got a job and are getting developed just because you shifted from Ponneri.

Respondent:We didn't know maturity on that day but it's good those days there's no problem for money but now everything is money right.We didn't had desire.But I had the village desire.I had that desire.No body likes it , people' who are under this generation didn't liked it.Because I remember where I went and ran.

GV: Sometimes nature makes us reflect back ?

Respondent:Near the Railway gate Tsunami quarters around there are 20 acres.In 20 acres they had Cashew fruits.It hangs like anything.We used to pluck and eat by carrying a bag.

GV: Have they destroyed it?

Respondent:When Tsunami came they destroyed it.

GV: Till that cashew was there?

Respondent: Yes it was there they destroyed due to some radio Ave transmission.In nagar there was a refugee camp of Burma and some of them stole the copper wire.They didn't have jobs at first.They involved in the work at first Then it happened but now the persons have studied they're settled.Now themselves are big millionaires.

GV: Have you registered for the Ernavvor Grama Nala sangam?

Respondent:Yes .

GV: Where have you registered?In the Register department?

Respondent:Yes in the register department.Under government only they're registering the associations.

GV: When did you do that?

Respondent:Our predecessors did it. We're doing the renewal.

GV: Have you issued any notices which include the activities done by the Nala sangam?

Respondent: Actually we do two festivals one during month of Aadi and Puratasi.During Puratasi we made the idol to get inside the village as procession.During Aadi we prepare koozh before day and we used to dedicate.3 temples used to have festivals .For this temple we used to celebrate during Chitra Pournami and Aadi month.

Timing 55:30

GV: What are the desires other than the village desire?What do you think about Ernavoor's tomorrow?

Respondent:We need good hospital and a college.Importantly one good railway station.Because Kathivakkam is station more people are here alone.My desire is compulsorily there should be Railway station.Because every person is suffering.Metro came till there and it is also one of desire.

GV: Why do you feel these things should come up ?

Respondent:Because there are so many people.3000 people are here in Ernavoor itself.For transport we need to travel some distance

GV: What about development ?

Respondent:If we need hospitals during DMK period they will build it ,the problem is there is no land.They said through MP fund they can construct college but there is no land.

GV: What you're asking is that you want to travel to the city with ease .

Respondent:Yes we need that sort of comfortability .Other needs are unnecessary for us .We need Railway station as in Kathivakkam there are no people and Company.So in Ernavoor many people and then the problem.Around 6000 people are there and it is necessary to have a railway station.In Meenjur they can build a station as there's a huge land.It is good that we have a railway station.

GV:As you said there's no land do you think the outsiders bought land ?

Respondent:Yes I had a feeling that even though many lands are there we can't build a hospital,in that land we can build a huge hospital.

GV: Are they still constructing anything?

Respondent:No there is no land .If the people here sell the land there will be something.

GV: Is there some land?

Respondent:Yes but there are Temple lands.These are temple lands and this is patta land.Certain lands come under patta .

GV: If one constructs a house in Kovil land won't they provide patta?

Respondent:No they don't provide.But they can collect some amount from us and also we should pay taxes monthly to the temple.From the HR&CE department they come and collect the money.

GV: Have you given any connections through other administrations?

Respondent:We try to give.Today is festival season.

GV: Because so that we can get from people from Nadar side,from colony side.

Respondent:I can get from the colony side ,from Ennore side.In Ennore I'll connect you with Sathyavani Muthu naga.But they won't be available due to festival season.

GV:No not now

Respondent:Then I can give next week .Talk to them.For them also they're not like ours Because in colony old people are not there .But ask as we told and also through observation.I can bring old one in colony and make to speak with you.Instead of going there I'll take that person in a common place and so that you can talk with him.

GV: As you said the industrial development is not there now and unemployment is happening. If the people here want to stay here, what measures can be taken?

Respondent:The present generation can't live here Sir. It's 100 percent.

GV: What if they want to be here?

Respondent:No it can't be changed.The studies matters.If the studies increase they tend to move.My daughters completed 12 standard just now.Guess Where they studied from LKG till 12 .It's in Chettinad they travel long for their studies.

Timing: 01:00:03

GV: Oh my God.So much time that's why you're saying transportation is a much needed facility.

Respondent:My brother takes them daily.

GV: Does it take 2 hours?

Respondent: Nothing he takes them in morning and goes to shop and afterwards while in evening he takes them and returns to their houses.Some studied BE but not here.Even the L&T staffs children are getting jobs on Hosur first.No one got here.All the recruitments are in Hosur.If somebody dies they gives job but they goes for Hosur.They didn't give them here .It's lump sum of income.

GV:Is there somewhat high income?

Respondent:Yes it is .One lakh per month.I worked in a city in an MP group and later I left the job as I didn't like it.

GV: What job is it?

Respondent:The job is so hot around 1400 here we have to melt something like metal.

GV: So you can't assure that the present generation will stay or not?

Respondent:No they don't.

GV: Do you have a desire that they should be here?

Respondent:There's no obedience for current generation people.I'll obey my parents but now kids are on mobile phones and my son didn't obey me . Surely he won't .We should accept it.

GV: What are your children doing?

Respondent:My daughter studied BE and she's at Home.I said not to go for a job.

GV: Why?

Respondent: I said you need to go ,I can manage .I told after marriage you can go,if her husband says okay she may go.The current generation is changing a lot.

GV: What are all the reasons for their

Respondent:All of them were studied in cities . They're jobs are based on cities.All the IT companies are in cities only .If they go in cities what the children expect from the parents they expect they should not go and mingle with others and let know others customs.They forget the customs and traditions and entering into new culture bin colleges.They're doing in a different manner.If the parents are like this and the children are in a opposite trend.They change the culture within 5 years itself.

GV: According to you eventhough you live in the city , the person should be a rural person?

Respondent:Yes it should be like that.Even the girls goes we think it should be like that should be disciplined in half sarees.Even though it had become corporation it results in various problems.

GV: The places are wonderful and you explained in a neater manner.

Respondent: What do you do with the article ma'am?

GV: This is a study,so we publish in journals ,essays and there are two aspects is that people know about history and other is how development project in impacts people like as brother said I got job but my child didn't.So they can understand from our perspective and they can relate from common man's perspective.

Respondent:If you do anything just send me.

GV: Surely

Respondent: Definitely we have to study that right.

GV: It's more or like an Exhibition about Ennore and its surroundings regarding how the places are .

Respondent:What we said is 100 percent truth.There is no false.It is what my father said and my grandfather said.

GV: Would allow us to take photos of older houses as well as temples.

Respondent:Surely.

GV: I can ask whether someone read the stone evicts .Do you have your childhood photos?

Respondent:No .In that time there are no photos in our villages.

GV: You said 100 cows right.Where it did go?

Respondent:Those days it was forest and there are many lands for grazing.It has become a city so if you allow grazing you will be fined.At first there are places for grazing and later houses came then no place.Those days many cows will move for grazing .

GV: Have you paid the fine

Respondent: Myself yes I've paid for my party's rule.My Cattle had gone a long way.No one was at home and they caught it.Now I'm having 8 Cattles and I also have Kangeyam.

GV: You're taking that?

Respondent:No I didn't take it anymore.I had three colours but I had only one.It's my hobby .

GV: As ETPS is constructed right,what do you think of that?

Respondent:That doesn't happen.

GV: The public hearing was before corona and due to corona it was stopped.Do you welcome the opening of ETPS?

Respondent:We welcome if there's no pollution, if there's any we won't welcome anymore.

Timing 1:06:00

Respondent:What they say in their statements that they are constructing stuff that's developed. The particle will be thrown off above 15 kilometres only.They say but I don't believe in them.

GV: How can it go accurately by 15 kilometres?

Respondent:They say no damage will affect my village.We only asked how it affects?What they say is wrong. It will fall to our place .We've experienced it.If you see the Ash will be deposited on each house and on Trees. In winter it'll be like soft.I'm saying about ED.L

GV: Do they have any people's grievances?

Respondent: They didn't arrange .If they arranged we'll ask right.

GV:What if they arrange what do you say?

Respondent: We'll say that keep until it affects people.If anything happens there our village people can't go there right.Then they close .

GV:But the effect is there right?

Respondent:Yes it is we should not trust them.It's correct ma'am that we should not trust them.We will surely ask if they don't construct canals and compound.You construct wherever it is.the water should flow from this way to that way.Through them we can solve the issue.Without electricity we can't do anything just because the government decides it is final.If I can say they can add but they don't implement.

GV:If there's a public hearing we can't cancel it anymore.Is the water stagnant in the canals?

Respondent: There is no problem in the water.If there's no way for flow of water it stagnates.If they cut the way ,it enters into houses.

GV: Has it happened?

Respondent: Yes it happened.That they cut the way in the canal itself.If they cut the water won't flow.If they cut they keep the valley like this and when the rainy season comes they take that and go.

GV: Did they permit you?

Respondent:Yes, why not.

GV: Another question.Here is there any Poramboke land ?

Respondent: There are many sides to this side.

GV: What sort of Poramboke is that?

Respondent: It's not Natham Puramboke.They say Cooum Poramboke right .

GV: It's inside Ernavoor itself?

Respondent:If it comes near Cooum it's Cooum Puramoke .Now some of the places in Kamaraj Nagar are Puramboke .The Brindhavan nagar also comes under there .

GV: Is the land cheap there?

Respondent: Yes the land is there

GV: As you said four nagars like Girija Nagar.Which one came first?

Respondent: Kamarajar Nagar is the first one to come to our village.

GV: Next..

Respondent: Next is Kannirajan vedu, Gandhi nagar, Brindavan nagar and Girija Nagar

GV: Who came to Girija Nagar?

Respondent:No one came people by encroaching the Poramboke land created the Nagar.As I say colony right that people did these work.We don't have such desires like for my parents.Like we need to encroach these lands they lived with a sense of satisfaction.They thought this much space is far enough for us ,we live by here.Those times there are no people right so they encroached.

GV:So Brindavan Nagar is..

Respondent: Yes it's an encroached land area.They gave to real estate people and then they sell it.Now no one does real estate as there's no land.If they want to do we need at least an acre of land,but there isn't an acre present here.

Timing 01;10;30