



WP No. 16548 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-07-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and

W.M.P.Nos.17749, 17750 and 17754 of 2026

Pasumai Suttru Suzhal Pathukappu Sangam,
Rep. by its Deputy Secretary, S. Srinivasan,
9, R.S. Complex, First Floor, No.1 Tollgate,
Pichandar Koil, Mannachanallur Taluk,
Tiruchirappalli District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Alandur Road, Guindy Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
2. The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Collectorate, Kancheepuram.
3. The District Superintendent of Police,
Office of the District Superintendent of
Police, Kancheepuram.
4. The Assistant Director,
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Office of the District Collector,



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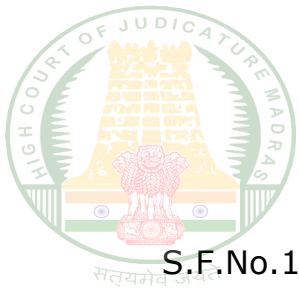
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6. The District Superintendent of Police,
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7. The Assistant Director,
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8. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o the Revenue Divisional Officer,
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Kancheepuram.
9. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
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Chengalpattu.
10. Mr.Rajasekharan,
No.261/1(P) Manappakkam Village,
Thirukazhukundram Taluk,
Kancheepuram District.
11. Mr.P.Murugesan,
No.201/1(P) Arungundram Village,
Thiruporur Taluk, Chengalpattu District.
12. Mr.Mariappan,
No.204, Mullipakkam Village,
Thiruporur Taluk, Chengalpattu District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to take legal action against the illegal mining activities comprised in S.F.No.250 of Vichsur Village, S.F.No.390 of Pinaiyr Village of Uthiramerur Taluk, S.F.No.1 of Nattarasanpettai, Kundrathur Taluk,



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S.F.No.1 of Erumbedu Village, S.F.No.407/1, Kottur, Sriperumbudur Taluk of Kancheepuram District and S.F.No.261/1(P) of Manapakkam Village Thirukazhungundram Taluk, S.F.No.201/1, Arungundram Village, S.F.No.204 of Mullipakkam Village Thiruporur Taluk, S.F.No.257, Nallamur Village, Mathuranthagam Taluk, S.F.No.132, Sirunagar Village, S.F.No.103 or 106, Madayampakkam Village, Cheyyur Taluk of Chengalpattu District based on the petitioners complaint dated 30.03.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Aravind Subramaniam
Senior Counsel
For Mr.S.Gopinath

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Kumaran
Government Pleader
For R1, R2, R4, R5, R7, R8 & R9
Mr.M.Dinesh
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side) For R3 & R6.

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by G.Arul Murugan J.]

The writ petition, styled as a Public Interest Litigation, is filed seeking to take action against the illegal mining activities across several SF numbers in Kancheepuram District and certain SF numbers in Cheyyur Taluk of Chengalpattu District.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the appellant submitted that in



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view of the illegal mining activities being carried on, the agricultural lands of the villagers are greatly affected and these illegal activities are to be curbed.

3. Responding to the allegations made in the petition, a detailed status report has been filed by the District Collector, Kancheepuram, as well as the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Chengalpattu District. In the status report filed by the District Collector, Kancheepuram, it is stated that leases have been granted to six lessees under Rule 12(2)(a) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. All the leases granted are in respect of excavating the ground earth soil, which includes materials for the road work carrying out by the Highways Department. Paragraph 6 of the status report, which lists the details of the lessees in whose favour the leases have been granted, is extracted hereunder:

"6. It is respectfully submitted that the details of the Ordinary Earth Quarries referred to in the present writ petition, insofar as they related to Kancheepuram District are furnished hereunder:

S.No.	Name of the Lessee	S.F.No., Village & Taluk	Lease Period	Permission Granted Rule
I	Thiru	1 (P)	06.02.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)



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	S.R.Sivakumar	Irumbedu Sriperumbu dur	to 06.04.2026	
II	Thiru S.R.Sivakumar	407/1 (P) Kottu Sriperumbu dur	13.03.2026 to 11.05.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)
III	Thiru C.Ramki	250/2 (P) Vichur Uthiramerur	11.03.2026 to 29.04.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)
IV	Thiru B.Anbazhagan	1(P) Nattarasamp attu Kundrathur	11.03.2026 to 29.04.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)
V	Thiru S.Sankar	390 (P) Pinaiyur Uthiramerur	11.03.2026 to 24.04.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)"

4. A further status report of the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Chengalpattu District, also listed out the leases granted in favour of the six persons under Rule 12(2)(a) and some of the leases under Rule 7 of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. Paragraph 6 of this status report, listing the details of the lease granted to the six lessees, is extracted hereunder:

"6. It is respectfully submitted that the details of the Ordinary Earth Quarries referred to in the present writ petition, insofar as they relate to Chengalpattu District, are furnished hereunder:

S.No.	Name of the Lessee	S.F.No., Village & Taluk	Lease Period	Permission Granted Rule
I	Thiru	261/1 (P),	11.03.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)



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	N.Rajasekaran	Manapakkam Thirukazhukun dran	to 29.04.2026	
II	Thiru P.Murugesan	201/1 (P), Arunkundram Thirupporur	14.02.2026 to 30.03.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)
III	Thiru R.Mariyappan	204 (P) Mullipakkam, Thirupporur	12.03.2026 to 10.05.2026	Rule 12(2)(a)
IV	M/s. SPL Infrastructure (P) Limited	257 (P), Nallmur Madhura Keezhkarani, Madhuranthag am	13.01.2026 to 12.07.2026	Rule 7
V	M/s. SPL Infrastructure (P) Limited	132 (P), Sirunagar, Cheyyur	11.02.2026 to 10.08.2026	Rule 7
VI	M/s. JSRIDPL – ARIPL (JV), M/s. JSR Infra Developer Private Limited	106 (P), Madaiyampakk am, Cheyyur	06.02.2026 to 05.08.2026	Rule 7"

5. From the reports, it is seen that while there are almost 11 lessees in whose favour leases have been granted across the two districts, the present Public Interest Litigation has been filed arraying only three private respondents 10 to 12 and making bald allegations that illegal mining is being carried on.

6. The learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents further submitted that the authorities conducted an inspection and found



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that by six lessees, mining is carried on in consonance with the lease granted. Only in one case it was found that a lessee had mined beyond the permitted area and due action is being contemplated against the lessee.

7. In view of the status report filed, and the submissions made following the inspection, it is evident that this is not a case of illegal mining. Instead, the mining is being conducted in consonance with the leases granted under the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.

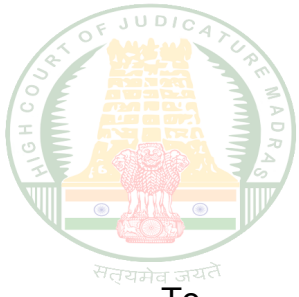
8. In such view of the matter, finding that the allegations made in the writ petition are factually incorrect and mining is carried on as per the lease granted there is no merit in the writ petition and accordingly dismissed. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, C.J.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN J.)

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