



W.P.(MD) No. 20534 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

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and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.15207, 15208 & 15210 of 2026

Indian Drivers Society,

Represented by its General Secretary G.Nagaraj.

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
LRS Palayam (Rail Nagar),
Tenkasi District,
Tamil Nadu - 627 811.

2. The Superintendent of Police,
Kollam Tirumangalam Road,
Tenkasi - 627 811.

3. The Joint Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
LRS Palayam (Rail Nagar),
Tenkasi District,
Tamil Nadu - 627 811.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to



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the impugned order issued by the first respondent in Na.Ka.No.M1/95/2026 dated 17.06.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents to permit the free movement of mineral-laden vehicles through the Puliyarai Check Post on the Tirumangalam-Kollam National Highway through Tenkasi District without any restriction.

For petitioner : Mr. Puhazhgandhi

For R1 & R3 : Mr.B.Saravanan
Additional Advocate General
Asst. by Mr.S.Venkatesh
Counsel for State of TN

For R2 : Mr.P.Vetrivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Writ Petition is taken up for final hearing at the time of admission with the consent of the learned counsel for the Petitioner, the learned Additional Advocate General for the Respondents 1 and 3 and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the Second Respondent.

2. The Petitioner is before this Court challenging the Impugned Order



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passed by the First Respondent/District Collector in his Proceedings dated 17.06.2026 bearing Reference Na.Ka.No.M1/95/2026.

3. By the Impugned Order, the First Respondent has imposed restrictions on the vehicle movement of mineral-laden vehicles passing through Tenkasi District from and to Kerala by restricting the movement between 11.00 p.m. and 3.00 a.m. and between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., and fixing norms for the vehicles with odd and even numbers to pass through the roads in alternates.

4. A reading of the Impugned Order indicates that the Impugned Order has been issued as per the *Proviso* of Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

5. The learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the Respondents 1 and 3 submits that the Impugned Order has a short shelf life and it has come to an end on 16.07.2026 as per the *Proviso* of Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

6. Considering the same, I direct the Respondents not to impose any



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restriction pursuant to the Impugned Order unless the Notification is published in the Official Gazette as is contemplated in the *Proviso* of Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

7. This Writ Petition is disposed of with the above observations. No costs. Connected Writ Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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Note: Issue Order Copy on 23.07.2026.

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C.SARAVANAN, J.

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