

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

MONDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015/20TH ASWINA, 1937

WP(C).No. 30923 of 2015 (M)

PETITIONER(S):

**SOMAN, S/O.GOVINDA PILLAI,
AGED 50 YEARS, PALLIPURATH HOUSE,
VAZHIKKADAVU, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.**

BY ADV. SRI.BABU S. NAIR.

RESPONDENT(S):

**THE DISTRICT GEOLOGIST,
DEPARTMENT OF MINING AND GEOLOGY,
DISTRICT OFFICE, MANJERI,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT-676 121.**

BY GOVT. PLEADER SMT.C.K. SHERIN.

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 12-10-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:**

rs.

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS:-

EXT.P1 COPY OF THE NO-OBJECTION CERTIFICATE AS NO.A5-3807/15
ISSUED BY THE VAZHIKKADAVU GRAMA PANCHAYATH
DATED 18/04/2015.

RESPONDENT'S EXHIBITS:- NIL.

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P.S. TO JUDGE

rs.

A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, J.

W.P.(C) No.30923 of 2015

Dated this the 12th day of October, 2015

J U D G M E N T

The case of the petitioner is that, on the strength of Ext.P1 Building Permit, the petitioner levelled the property by removing ordinary earth for construction of a residential building. But when the petitioner approached the 1st respondent/Geologist with a request for issuance of Mineral Transit pass to transport the earth from his property, it was refused to be acted upon.

2. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader.

3. By virtue of Rule 14 of the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 the persons doing construction of residential building including flats or commercial buildings having a plinth area upto 300 square metres are exempted from obtaining quarrying permit under the Rules, if the owner of the land has obtained a prior valid permit for construction of such building from the concerned Local Self Government authority. The said Rule reads as follows:

“14. Quarrying permit for Ordinary earth: (1) A quarrying permit under these rules shall be obtained for extraction of ordinary earth used for filling or levelling purposes in construction of embankments, roads, railways or buildings in Form N:

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), no quarrying permit is required under these rules for extraction of ordinary earth in connection with the construction of residential buildings including flats or commercial buildings having a plinth area of 300 square metres if the owner of the land obtained a prior valid permit for construction of such building from the Local Self Government authorities concerned;

Provided that in cases where transportation of ordinary earth is required, the owner shall pay royalty for the quantity to be transported and shall obtain mineral transit passes under the Kerala State Minerals (Prevention of illegal mining, storage and transportation) Rules, 2015 from the competent authority;

Provided further that the competent authority shall not issue mineral transit passes for removal of ordinary earth exceeding the quantity needed to be extracted, as ascertained by it through a site inspection.”

4. In the above facts and circumstances, 1st respondent/District Geologist is directed to issue 'Mineral Transit Pass' in Form O(A) of the Kerala Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Storage and Transportation) Rules, 2015 (for brevity “Prevention Act”], on being

satisfied with the genuineness of the claim of the petitioner based on Exhibit P1 Building permit, without insisting for 'NOC'/Mining permit; in accordance with law, which shall be done at the earliest at any rate within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. The petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before the 1st respondent/District Geologist for further steps.

The writ petition is disposed of.

**A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE
JUDGE**

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