



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.01.2018

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN**

Writ Petition (MD) No.625 of 2018  
and  
W.M.P(MD)Nos.654 and 655 of 2018

Roja Freed Bonded Labourers Welfare Association  
(Registration No.32 of 2004)  
Rep by its President,  
M.Muthammal,  
Door No.2/37, Kadaneri  
Peraiyur Taluk,  
Madurai District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Secretary,  
Industries (MMC-2) Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner/Director of  
Geology and Mines Department,  
Guindy, Chennai 600 032.
- 3.The District Collector,  
Madurai District, Madurai.
- 4.The Assistant Director of Geology and Mining,  
Madurai.
- 5.The Revenue Divisional Officer,  
Madurai, Madurai District.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to quash the 3rd Respondent's impugned notification in Na.Ka.No.1678/2017 dated 21.12.2017 as far as then auctioning of stone quarry mentioned in Serial No. 45 at Page No.24 of the said notification dated 21.12.2017 situated at Survey No.41/1(P) Kadaneri Peraiyur Taluk Madurai District as illegal and consequently directing the 1st Respondent to decide the appeal filed by the Petitioner within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner  
For Respondents

: Mr.M.Kannan  
: Mr.B.Pugalendhi, AAG  
assisted by Mr.Aayiram K.Selvakumar,  
Additional Government Pleader.

ORDER

The petitioner, being a Women Self Help Group, claims some priority under Rule 8 (10)(a) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, filed this writ petition, challenging the auction notification issued by the District Collector, Madurai, the third respondent herein for leasing out various stone quarries in Madurai District.

2. Heard Mr.M.Kannan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.B.Pugalendhi, learned Additional Advocate General for the respondents. By consent, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents submitted that the petitioner's application has already been rejected by the District Collector. Challenging the same, an appeal has been filed before the second respondent and the same has also been dismissed. Aggrieved by the same, a second appeal is pending before the first respondent. Moreover, in the auction notification, the right of the petitioner has been protected stating that any auction conducted is subject to the result of the appeal pending before the first respondent. Therefore, the notification issued passed by the third respondent does not require any interference.

4. In view of the submission made by the learned Additional Advocate General that the petitioner's right has already been protected in the auction notification, auction cannot be stalled at this stage. Hence, this writ petition is dismissed. However, the first respondent is directed to dispose of the appeal filed by the petitioner within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, W.M.P(MD) Nos.654 and 655 of 2018 are closed.

Sd/-

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To

1. The Secretary, Industries (MMC-2) Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
  2. The Commissioner/Director of Geology and Mines Department, Guindy, Chennai 600 032.
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- +One cc to Mr.M.Kannan, Advocate, SR.No.41819  
+One cc to The Special Government Pleader, SR.No.42548

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