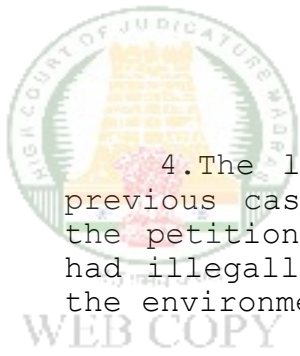




4.The learned Government Advocate submitted that there are two previous cases of similar nature as against the petitioner and that the petitioner without obtaining any permission from the Government, had illegally dugged the land and transported sand, thereby degraded the environment and caused damages to the ecology.

5.This Court is of the opinion that the offenders, despite several orders being passed by various Benches of this Court regarding illegal sand mining and quarrying knowing fully well about the evil consequences affecting the environment and society at large and the implications thereon, are indulging in the offences of illegal quarrying/ mining, theft and smuggling of sand and minerals. These cases come within the category of cases of large magnitude affecting and impacting livelihood of a very large number of people knowingly and unknowingly.

6.This Court finds that the discretionary power has been consciously and continuously misused by the offenders in an organised manner and this Court is of the firm opinion that the discretionary powers cannot be extended to persons indulging in illegal sand mining, smuggling and theft of sand and minerals.

7.Hence, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. This criminal original petition is accordingly dismissed.

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20/09/2021

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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CC to M/S.E.KARTHICK Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :20/09/2021

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