



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 20.01.2021

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.R. SWAMINATHAN**

W.P. (MD) No.15935 of 2020

K.Yasothai

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Director,  
The Department of Geology and Mining,  
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
2. The Regional Director,  
The Department of Geology and Mining,  
Madurai.
3. The District Collector,  
Thoothukudi District,  
Thoothukudi - 628 101.
4. The Superintendent of Police,  
Thoothukudi District,  
Thoothukudi - 628 101.
5. The Assistant Director,  
The Department of Geology and Mining,  
Collectorate Complex, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Thoothukudi - 628 101.
6. The Revenue Divisional Officer,  
Kovilpatti Sub Division, Kovilpatti,  
Thoothukudi District.
7. The Tahsildar,  
Ottapidaram Taluk, Ottapidaram,  
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to take appropriate legal action against the illegal mining of gravel in the Punja land of the petitioner in S.No.533/1B to the extent of 0.9.25 Hectares at Saminatham Village in Ottapidaram Taluk in Thoothukudi District and thereby having evacuated gravel to the depth of about 20 feet throughout the area rendering Punja land of the petitioner unfit for cultivation or for any other purpose and to restore the land to its original position or alternatively to pay just damages.



For Petitioner  
For Respondents

: Ms.S.Mahalakshmi  
: Mr.S.Angappan,  
Government Advocate.

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**O R D E R**

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

2. The case of the petitioner is that from her land, sand was unauthorisedly quarried and a deep pit had been caused. The photographs enclosed in the typed set of papers clearly reveal the ground reality prevailing.

3. The petitioner is therefore directed to approach the SIPCOT police station by giving a written complaint. The SIPCOT police is directed to register the First Information Report based on the petitioner's complaint and take appropriate action in accordance with law.

4. This writ petition stands disposed of on these terms. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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**To:**

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The Inspector of Police,  
SIPCOT Police Station,  
Tuticorin.

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