



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.06.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH

and

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R.HEMALATHA

W.P.[MD]No.11773 of 2022

G.Sureshkumar

: Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
- 2.The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Mines and Minerals Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
- 3.The District Collector,
Thanjavur District.
- 4.The Executive Engineer,
PWD, WRD,
Mining and Monitoring Division,
Thanjavur District.

5.S.Ramachandran

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 3 to take immediate steps to preserve the ecology and environment of Maruvur and nearest villages by closing down the sand quarry operation and protect the villages namely 1.Vaithiyanathanpettai 2.Arkadu 3.Punavasal 4.Silethumapuram 5.Rajapuram 6.Perumpuliyur 7.Thillasthalam 8.Achanur 9.Panaiyur 10.Kaduveli from the natural calamity and to take appropriate action against the erring officials working in the PWD and Mines Departments based on the petitioner's representation dated 28.04.2022.

For Petitioner

: Mr.Srinivasaraghavan

for Mr.M.Maran

For Respondents 1 to 4

: Mr.Veerakathiravan

Additional Advocate General

Assisted by Mr.P.Thilak Kumar

Government Pleader



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[Order of the Court was made by **P.N.PRAKASH, J.**]

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Alleging that the license to quarry sand in Thanjavur District has been awarded to the fifth respondent, the present Public Interest Litigation has been filed to cancel the allotment on the ground that sand quarrying would result in disturbance to the ecology.

2.Even according to the petitioner, in paragraph No.5 of the affidavit, he has stated that sand quarrying permission has been given by the District Collector, Thanjavur on 07.04.2022 to the Public Works Department to quarry sand in S.F.No.1 (Part) to an extent of 4.90.00 hectares in Maruvur Village, Thiruvaiyaru Taluk, Thanjavur District. While that being so, without any basis, the present Public Interest Litigation has been filed.

3.Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

MR

To

- 1.The Secretary to Government, State of Tamil Nadu,
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+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP. (SR-26421[F] dated 17/06/2022)

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