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W.P.(MD)NO.28730 OF 2022

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED: 22.12.2022**

**CORAM**

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

**W.P.(MD)No.28730 of 2022**

A.K.A.Rajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,  
Collector Office, Virudhunagar District.

2. The Assistant Director,  
Mines and Minerals Department,  
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to extend the lease in the light of Covid-19 and on the basis of 29.09.2022 representation and consequently direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to dispose the representation within a time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Balasubramanian

For Respondents : Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam,  
Government Advocate.

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**ORDER**

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Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The petitioner is a quarry lease holder. His lease period had already expired. He seeks extension. The petitioner's counsel states that difficulties and hardships had been faced by the petitioner in the wake of pandemic. He also argued that two other similarly placed persons were given extension of time. This Court will not be justified in giving any positive direction in this matter. It is entirely for the first respondent to take a call.

3. With this observation, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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