



W.P.(MD) No.5437 of 2023

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.03.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBRAMANIAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

**W.P.(MD) No.5437 of 2023
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.5089 of 2023**

G.Paneer Selvam

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The Director
Department of Geology & Mines
Guindy, Chennai-600 032
- 2.The Additional Director
Room No.209
Department of Geology & Mines
Guindy, Chennai-600 032
- 3.The Assistant Geologist /
Assistant Director (ic)
Geology & Mines Department
Office of the Assistant Director
Dindigul District
- 4.The District Collector
Collectorate
Dindigul District



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5.The Superintendent of Police
Dindigul District

6.The Tahsildar
Palani Taluk
Dindigul District

7.The Panchayat President
Thatha Nayakkan Patti Village (North)
Palani Taluk
Dindigul District

8.The Inspector of Police
Neikarapatti Police Station
Dindigul District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 8 to protect and preserve the divine Periya Iver Malai Hillock and the Deepa Sthambam installed at its top and not to lease out or licence for mining and stone quarry operation to any person in the Divine Periya Iver Malai Hillock situated at S.No.174 of Thatha Nayakkan Patti Village (North), Palani Taluk, Dindigul District.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Govindarajan
for Mr.AR.Jeyarhuthran

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1 to R7
Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor for R8



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ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by R.SUBRAMANIAN, J.]

The petitioner apprehends that the Government may allow quarrying operations in a hillock called “Periya Iver Malai”, situated at Survey No.174 of Thatha Nayakkan Patti Village (North), Palani Taluk, Dindigul District.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the hillock is a holy place and has a religious and spiritual significance, inasmuch as it contains a Deepa Sthambam, which was erected by Vallanadu Sadhu Chidambaram Swamigal.

3. The Assistant Director, Geology and Mining, Dindigul, has filed a status report stating that no action has been taken by the District Collector, Dindigul District, for granting permission to quarry minerals in Survey No. 174. It is also stated that no action has been initiated by the fourth respondent to issue quarry lease for quarrying stones in Survey No.174 of Thatha Nayakkanpatti (North) Village, Dindigul District.



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4. Recording the above statement, the writ petition is disposed of.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[R.S.M., J.]

[L.V.G., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No

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