



W.P.(MD)No.12489 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.10.2024

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CORAM:

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

W.P.(MD)No.12489 of 2023

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.19987 of 2024

Karuppasamy

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The Director,
Department of Geology and Mines,
O/o. the Department of Geology
and Mines,
Alanthur Road,
Guindy Industrial Estate,
Chennai-600 032.

2.The Assistant Director,
Department of Geology and Mines,
O/o the Department of Geology and
Mines,
Virudhunagar,
Virudhunagar District.

3.The District Collector,
O/o the District Collector,
Virudhunagar,
Virudhunagar District.

4.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sattur,
Virudhunagar District.

5.The Tahsildar,
Rajapalayam Taluk Office,
Virudhunagar District.

6.VNP.Gomathi Sankaranarayanan

...Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 5 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 09.02.2023 within the time stipulated by this Court and thereby prevent the illegal mining activities committed by the 6th respondent.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.M.Arikaran
For R-1 to R-5	:	Mr.R.Baskaran, Additional Advocate General, Assisted by, Mr.P.Thilak Kumar, Government Pleader
For R-6	:	Mr.V.Balasubramanian
Advocate Commissioner	:	Mr.M.Arun Srivastava

ORDER

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

The prayer in the writ petition reads as follows:

“To issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 5 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 09.02.2023 within the time stipulated by this Court and thereby prevent the illegal mining activities committed by the 6th respondent.”

2. Mr.V.P.Jeyaseelan, I.A.S., the District Collector, Virudhunagar, who is present in person, has filed an affidavit stating that the 6th respondent in the writ petition had quarried rough stones in the safety zone which would also amount to illegal mining activity attracting penalty proceedings. A copy of the order of the District Collector dated 13.09.2024 has also been placed before us, in and by which, a penalty has also been levied on the 6th respondent for mining within the



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that the period of the lease is over and no further mining activity is being conducted in the area.

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3. Accepting the affidavit filed by the District Collector, Virudhunagar, the Writ Petition is closed, since the mining activity has been stopped and the period of lease has also expired. There shall be no order as to costs.

[R.S.M., J.] [L.V.G., J.]

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NCC : Yes/No

Index : Yes/No

Internet : Yes

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