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W.P.(MD)NO.20584 OF 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.10.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.20584 of 2024

Ram Karthick

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.

2. The Assistant Director,
District Collector Office,
Geology and Mining Department,
Pudukkottai District.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pudukkottai,
Pudukkottai District.

4. The Tahsildar,
Kulathur Taluk,
Keeranur,
Pudukkottai 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 remove the encroachments in the water channel comprised in survey No.35(Kodikulam Kanmai), survey No.35/1(Kodikulam Kanmai Taluk) and its sub division situated at Irumbali Village, Kulathur Taluk,



Pudukkottai District, by taking necessary action preventing the operation of Thagattukal quarry in Kodikulam Kanmai and obliterate the water channel based on the petitioner's representation dated 09.08.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Mathavan
For Respondents : Mr.R.Baskaran,
Additional Advocate General,
assisted by,
Mr.K.Balasubramani,
Special Government Pleader.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. This writ petition has been filed for removing the encroachments in the petition-mentioned water body.

3. It has also been specifically averred that the water channel has been obliterated. The allegation made by the writ petitioner stands confirmed in the status report filed by the respondents. We therefore called upon the District Collector to take further action in the matter.

4. Today when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned



Additional Advocate General produced a copy of the order dated 23.10.2024 issued by the jurisdictional Revenue Divisional Officer, Illuppur suspending the concerned Village Administrative Officer for not taking steps to prevent the illicit quarrying.

5. We direct the respondents to take action already initiated to its logical end. We also direct the official respondents to restore the obliterated water channel. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
29th October 2024

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