



W.P.Nos.7519 & 8189 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

W.P.Nos.7519 & 8189 of 2024

and

W.M.P.Nos.8430, 9139 & 9140 of 2024

1.Chinnusamy	... Petitioner in W.P.No.7519 of 2024
2.S.Sivakumar	... Petitioner in W.P.No.8189 of 2024

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Salem,
Salem District.

2.The Deputy Director of Geology & Mining,
2nd Floor, Collectorate,
Salem – 636 001.

3.The Sub Collector cum RDO,
Mettur,
Mettur Dam – 1,
Salem District.



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4. The Tahsildar,
Omalur Taluk,
Salem District.

... Respondents in both WPs

Prayer in both WPs : Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records relating to proceeding Na.Ka.No.1870/2022/T dated 17.10.2022 passed by the 3rd respondent and quash the same in respect of petitioner alone.

For Petitioner : Ms.D.Sathiya
(in both WPs) for M/s.M.Elango
For Respondents : Mr.Stalin Abhimanyu
(in both WPs) Additional Government Pleader

COMMON ORDER

Challenging the orders passed by the 3rd respondent, dated 17.10.2022, the petitioners have filed the present writ petitions.

2. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.



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3. As against the impugned orders passed by the 3rd respondent, there is an effective appeal remedy available before the 1st respondent/ District Collector u/s 36(e) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. Without doing so, filing the present writ petitions is *per se* unsustainable. Hence, these Writ Petitions are liable to be dismissed.

4. Accordingly, these Writ Petitions are dismissed, granting liberty to the petitioners to file an appeal before the 1st respondent u/s 36(e) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. The period pending before this Court is excluded for the purpose of limitation. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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