



WMP No.52773 of 2025
in WP No.47239 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.M.P.No.52773 of 2025
and W.P.No.47239 of 2025

Thiruvannamalai District Stone Quarry
Crusher and MSand Owners Welfare
Association

Rep. by its President, Raji Dharuman,
Having its registered office at No.1,
Balaji Complex, Mangal Koot Road,
Vembakkam Taluk, Thiruvannamalai-631
702.

Vs

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government, Natural Resources Department,
Dept of Geology and Mining
Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George,
Chennai-09 and 5 others



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.S.Prabu

For Respondent(s): Mr.E.Vijay Anand
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

We have heard learned counsel on either side.

2. The issue raised in this writ petition is similar to the one considered by us in W.M.P.No.20584 of 2025 in W.P.No.18383 of 2025 [*Crusher Owners Federation Hosur and others v. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government and others*], wherein, by order dated 25.11.2025, interim relief was granted to the petitioners therein on following terms:

"10. In view of the above consideration, though we are not inclined to stay the effect and operation of the impugned Act, in so far as levy of mineral bearing land tax is concerned, we are inclined to pass an interim order to the following effect:

In case the petitioners deposit 75% of the levy, the recovery of the balance 25% shall



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remain in abeyance, subject to petitioners filing undertaking before this court within two weeks that in the event of dismissal, the balance amount shall be deposited by each of the petitioners within two months.

11. The prayer for grant of interim relief is accordingly partly allowed in the manner and to the extent as stated above. The interim applications seeking stay and injunction are disposed of accordingly.

3. Considering the fact that the challenge raised and the issue involved in the present case is similar to that in the case referred supra, the interim order passed in the aforesaid decision shall govern the petitioner in this case also. The interim application is disposed of accordingly.

4. Post the writ petition along with W.P.No.18383 of 2025 and batch cases during second week of February, 2026.



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(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)

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To:

- 1 THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
DEPT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU FORT ST. GEORGE
CHENNAI-600 009.
- 2 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
INDUSTRIES (MMD-1) DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
FORT ST. GEORGE CHENNAI-600 009
- 3 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
LAW DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
FORT ST. GEORGE, CHENNAI-600 009.
- 4 THE COMMISSIONER OF GEOLOGY AND MINING
DEPT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
GUINDY CHENNAI-600 032.
- 5 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT, THIRUVANNAMALAI.
6. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING,
THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT.



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