



W.P.(MD)No.1719 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 08.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.1462 & 1463 of 2020

S.Muthalraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.State rep., through
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Industries (MMB, MMC, MMD, MME) Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The District Collector,
Tuticorin District, Tuticorin.
- 3.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.
- 4.The District Collector,
Madurai District.
- 5.The District Level Task Force,
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Virudhungan District, Collectorate,
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7.The District Level Task Force,
Prevention of illegal Mining and Transportation,
Madurai District, Collectorate, Madurai.

8.The Deputy Director,
Department Mines and Geology,
Tuticorin District.

9.The Deputy Director,
Department Mines and Geology,
Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar.

10.The Deputy Director,
Department Mines and Geology,
Madurai District, Madurai.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 2 to 4 to stop the issue of any new permission / lease / license to private individuals or groups for quarrying and removing Uvari or Ubari or excess sand from patta lands and consequently, order to cancel the permission / lease / licences already granted to private individuals or groups for quarrying and transporting the sand under the guise of Uvari or Ubari or excess sand from patta lands on the lines of Division Bench orders of this Court in W.P.(MD)No.20903 of 2016 and other procedures of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

For Petitioner : No Appearance

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar,
Government Pleader



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by ***S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.***)

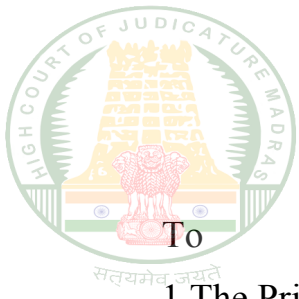
Today (08.07.2025), when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that the petitioner died and therefore, no further adjudication is required. However, since the relief sought for in the present Writ Petition is relating to illegal quarrying operations, the authorities competent are bound to conduct inspection on the allegation raised by the petitioner and if any illegal quarrying operations are identified, all appropriate actions are to be initiated to prosecute the offenders.

2. With the above observation, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S., J.) & (A.D.M.C., J.)
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NCC : Yes / No
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