



W.P(MD)No.7314 of 2020

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 15.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

**W.P(MD)No.7314 of 2020
and
W.M.P(MD)No.6771 of 2020**

Ajmal Saribu

... Petitioner

vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Ramanathapuram.
- 2.The Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Collectorate,
Ramanthapuram.
- 3.The Chairman,
Costal Management Authority,
Department of Environment,
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4.The Superintendent of Police,
Ramanathapuram District,
Collectorate Complex,
Ramanathapuram.

5.The Inspector of Police,
Uchappuli Police Station,
Uchappuli,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to act immediate and urgent steps to prohibiting the illegal beach sand mining in the coastal beach area of Pudumadam Village Panchayath at Ramanathapuram District and for restraining the same, further direct to take action against the sand mafias who are unlawfully excavating the beach sand natural blending of Monozite in the above said area which is a comprehensive raw materials available for basic ingredients for the preparation of Thorium within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.A.S.Alaudeen

For RR 1 & 2 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

For RR 4 & 5 : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

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

The writ on hand has been instituted to direct the first respondent to take immediate and urgent steps to prohibit illegal beach sand mining in the coastal area of Pudumadam Village Panchayat, Ramanathapuram District, and to restrain the same. Further, a direction is sought to take action against the sand mafias who are unlawfully excavating beach sand containing natural deposits of Monazite, which is a comprehensive raw material used in the preparation of Thorium.

2. With reference to the relief sought for in the present Writ Petition, the learned Government Pleader submitted that illegal beach sand mining has already been banned by the Government of India. The State Government has also imposed a ban on coastal beach sand mining.



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3.The learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 submitted that action has been initiated against illegal beach sand mining activities and penalties have been imposed.

4.In view of the said factum, this Writ Petition stands closed.
There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

[S.M.S.,J.] & [S.S.Y.,J.]
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