



W.P.(MD)Nos.16982 & 17009 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 03.07.2025

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.13552, 13553, 23097, 13576 & 23083 of 2019

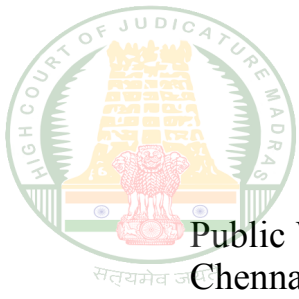
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P.Raguraman

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Principal Secretary,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Namakkal Kavingar Maligai,
Chennai.
- 2.The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Trichy.
- 3.The Executive Engineer,
River Conservation Division,
Public Works Department,
Contonment, Trichy.
- 4.The Project Director,
Mines and Monitoring Division,



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Public Works Department,
Chennai.

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5. The Executive Engineer,
Mines and Monitoring Division,
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Trichy.
6. The Junior Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Mines and Monitoring Division,
Unniyur Sand Quarry Site, Unniyur,
Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District.
7. The District Collector,
Collectorate, Tiruchirappalli.
8. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Musiri Revenue Division,
Musiri-621 211, Trichy District.
9. The Tahsildar,
Thottiyam Taluk, Thottiyam,
Trichy District.
10. The Member Secretary,
State Level Environment Impact
Assessment Authority,
3rd Floor, Panagal Maligai,
Jeenis Road, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents not to open the new sand quarry site in Cauvery River at Unniyur Revenue Village in Survey No.1, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District at once based on the petitioner's representation dated 04.07.2019.



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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian

For R1 to R9 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar,
Government Pleader

For R10 : Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

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V.Sumathi

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Guindy, Chennai-600 032, Tamil Nadu.
- 3.The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
76, Mount Road, Chennai.
- 4.The District Collector,
Collectorate, Trichy District,
Trichy.
- 5.The Assistant Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Collectorate, Trichy.
- 6.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, (Water Resource Department),
Mines and Monitoring Division,
Trichy District.



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7.The Assistant Executive Officer,
Public Works Department (Water Resources Department),
Mines and Monitoring Division,
Musiri, Trichy District.

8.State Environment Impact Assessment Authority,
Rep., by its Chairman,
D/2/1, AIS Housing Complex,
Natesan Nagar West, Virugambakkam,
Chennai-92.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to ban the sand quarrying operation in S.F.No.1 (part), Unniyur Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Trichy District at river Cauvery.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Karuna
For R1, R2, R4 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar,
to R7 Government Pleader
For R3 : Mrs.Madhuri Dhonti Reedy
For R8 : Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

COMMON ORDER

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

The learned Government Pleader appearing for the official respondents would submit that as on today, no permission has been granted for river sand quarrying in Cauvery River. If at all any illegal sand quarrying is identified, the



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petitioners are at liberty to file a complaint before the authorities competent and the authorities competent are also expected to keep vigil and such illegal river sand quarrying offenders are to be prosecuted in the event of any such illegal sand quarrying.

2. With these observations, these Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

**(S.M.S., J.) & (A.D.M.C., J.)
03.07.2025**

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No

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