



W.P(MD)No.16525 of 2020

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.08.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN**

**W.P(MD)No.16525 of 2020
and
W.M.P(MD)No.13818 of 2020**

Prakashkumar

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The District Collector,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.

2.The Sub Collector,
Palani,
Dindigul District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Palani Taluk,
Dindigul District.

4.Mani Gounder
5.Kanagaraj
6.Balusamy @ Balu

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- 7.Ponnusamy
- 8.Arunkumar
- 9.Senthilkumar
- 10.Mathi @ Kadeswaran
- 11.Sekar
- 12.Sugan
- 13.Kuppusamy @ Chinnappan
- 14.Karthick @ Kadeswaran
- 15.Satheeshkumar
- 16.Ponraj
- 17.Dharmaraj
- 18.Mathiyalagan
- 19.Mani
- 20.Sureka
- 21.Nithiaprakash
- 22.Chelladurai
- 23.Manian @ MMM. Mani
- 24.Chinnakannu @ Saminathan

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 3 to take action against the respondents 4 to 24 for their illegal operation of coir pith industries and thereby close down their coir pith industries by considering the representations dated 23.10.2020 and 02.11.2020.



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For Petitioner : Mr.D.Yogeshwar
for Mr.T.Lenin Kumar

For RR 1 to 3 : Mr.S.P.Maharajan
Special Government Pleader

For RR 4 to 24 : Mr.M.Veerachamy
for Mr.R.Sankar Ganesh

ORDER

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

The writ on hand has been instituted to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to take action against the respondents 4 to 24 for their illegal operation of coir pith industries and to consequently shut down these industries.

2.The third respondent/the Tahsildar, Palani has conducted a field inspection. With regard to encroachments, the revenue authorities conducted a survey and informed the same to the Public Works Department and Water Resources Organization. The boundaries were fixed during the course of the survey. It was found that there is no encroachment in the water body. However, encroachments identified in the Amaravathi river side in



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Madathukulam are directed to be removed by the Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Organization.

3. Accordingly, the Tahsildar, Palani has already addressed a letter to the Water Resources Organization to remove the encroachments in the water body.

4. As far as the allegations raised by the petitioner regarding the extraction of river water through a pipe line is concerned, they were found to be incorrect, since permission was granted only to some farmers to extract water from their own wells.

5. In view of the above facts and circumstances, the official respondents are directed to ensure that the encroachments in the water body are removed by following the procedures as contemplated under the relevant statutes and rules in force. The revenue authorities shall ensure that such removal is carried out by the officials of the Water Resources Organization.



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6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

[S.M.S.,J.] & [G.A.M.,J.]
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