



W.P.(MD)No.16826 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 04.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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R.Veeraperumal

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sathur Revenue Taluk,
Sathur,
Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Superintendent of Police,
Virudhunagar District.
- 4.The Assistant Director of Mines,
Collectorate,
Virudhunagar District.
- 5.The Tahsildar,
Ayyanar Kovil Street,
Rajapalayam Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.



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6.The Inspector of Police,
Seithur Police Station,
Rajapalayam,
Virudhunagar District.

7.S.Palanikumar

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 6 herein to take appropriate action against the 7th respondent and prevent illegal sand mining at Periyakulam Kanmoi and also in other Government Lands situated at Ayanb Kollan Kondan Village, Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhuinagar District on the basis of the petitioner's representations dated 08.08.2021 and 12.08.2021.

For Petitioner :Mr.C.Mayilvahana Rajendran

For Respondents :Mr.M.Siddharthan
Additional Government Pleader
for R1, R2, R4 & R5

: Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Government Advocate
for R3 & R6

: Mr.A.Mohan
for R7

ORDER

Heard both sides.



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2. The writ petitioner is a resident of Krishnapuram, Rajapalayam Taluk. He alleges that the 7th respondent herein had been illegally mining gravel in Ayan Kollan Kondan Village. He wants action to be taken against him.

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Government Pleader submitted that permission was granted in favour of the 7th respondent on 26.04.2017. The petitioner's counsel states that if the quantity of gravel permitted to be quarried by the 7th respondent is compared with his stock, discrepancy would be obvious and that itself would be a proof that there was illicit mining.

4. We do not want to brush aside this allegation. The report of the Tahsildar, Rajapalayam appears to confirm the allegation made by the writ petitioner. We therefore direct the Revenue Divisional Officer / R2 to look into the writ petitioner's complaint and take appropriate action under the relevant provisions of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 against the 7th respondent. We make it clear that we have not gone into the merits of the matter. This exercise shall be completed by the second respondent within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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5. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

[G.R.S., J.] [B.P., J.]
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