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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.07.2025

CORAM:

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

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... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The Principal Secretary
to Government / Chairman
Municipal Administration and
Water Supply Department
TWAD, Chennai-600 009
- 2.The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forest (Head of Forest Force)
Panagal Maligai
Saidapet, Chennai
- 3.The District Collector
Virudhunagar District
Virudhunagar
- 4.The Conservator of Forest
Virudhunagar Circle
Collectorate, Virudhunagar
- 5.Wildlife Warden



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Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary
Opp.Aavin Milk
Madurai Road
Pillaiyarnatham Post
Srivilliputtur-626 101

6.The Commissioner
Srivilliputtur Municipality
Srivilliputtur
Virudhunagar District

7.The Proprietor
Sugapriya Mineral Water Company
Pillaiyarnatham
Srivilliputtur Taluk
Virudhunagar District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 6 to take appropriate action to close the illegal water plant run by the 7th respondent namely Sugapriya Mineral Water Company situated at nearby Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, Pillaiyarnatham, Srivilliputhur Taluk, Virudhunagar District based on the representation dated 17.08.2019.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muniyandi

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1 to R5
Mr.J.Parekh Kumar for R6
No appearance for R7

ORDER



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[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The writ on hand has been instituted seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 6 to take appropriate action to close the water plant illegal run by the seventh respondent, namely, Sugapriya Mineral Water Company, situated at nearby Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, Pillaiyarnatham, Srivilliputhur Taluk, Virudhunagar District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 17.08.2019.

2. Learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 5, on instructions, submitted that the alleged mineral water company does not fall within the reserved forest area, but situate inside the eco sensitive area. However, appropriate clearance or permission has not been obtained.

3. In the absence of obtaining any such permission or clearance from the authority concerned, the alleged mineral water company cannot be permitted to run in the eco sensitive area. Therefore, the respondents 3 to 6 are directed to conduct an inspection, verify the legality of the mineral water company and if required, initiate necessary action by following the procedures as contemplated under the law and by affording due opportunity of hearing to



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the parties concerned. Such an exercise is directed to be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. With the above observation, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[S.M.S., J.]

[S.S.Y., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No
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