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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

**W.P.(MD) No.26526 of 2019
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.21752 of 2023**

P.Soundra Pandiyan

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Chief Secretary
Public Works Department
Secretariat, Chennai
- 2.The Director
Geology and Mining Department
Guindy, Chennai
- 3.The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
(Water Resources)
River Safety Division
Chepauk, Chennai



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4.The District Collector
Karur District
Karur

5.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer
Kulithalai
Karur District

6.The Tashildar
Kulithalai Taluk
Karur District

7.The Assistant Director
Geology and Mining Department
Collectorate
Karur District

8.The Block Development Officer
Thogamalai Union
Kulithalai Taluk
Karur District

9.Kannan

10.Sakthivel

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 8 take action against the illegal sand quarrying operations by the 9th and 10th respondent in Ariyar river and Survey No. in 565/2, 565/3, 565/4A, 565/4C, 572/1A, 572/1B, 572/2B,



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572/3A, 572/3B, 573/1, 573/2A, 573/B, 573/3A, 573/5, 573/6, 573/7, 574/2A, 574/2B, 574/2C, 574/2D, 574/25, 574/5A, 574/2E, 574/5A, 574/6, 575/4C, 578/14E at Poovaipatti Theppakulam in Vadaseri Panchayath, Thogamalai Union, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District and consequently direct the respondents 1 to 4 to frame comprehensive scheme for remediation and soil erosion control, within a time frame determined by this Court.

For Petitioner : No appearance

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1 to R8
Mr.A.N.Ramanathan for R9
Mr.M.Neethirajan for R10

ORDER

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

Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 8, on instructions, submitted that quarrying operation has been stopped.



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2. Recording the above submission, this writ petition is disposed of. However, if any illegal quarrying operation is identified, all appropriate actions shall be taken by the authority concerned. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[S.M.S., J.]

[A.D.M.C., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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