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W.P.(MD)NO.24636 OF 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 11.09.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.24636 of 2025

P.Jeyakumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector / Monitoring Committee,
Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar.

2. The Deputy Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District.

4. The Tahsildar,
Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District.

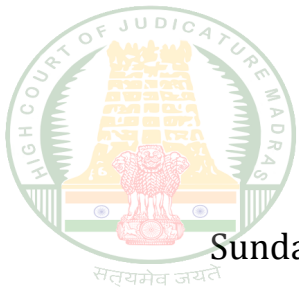
5. Thiruvappoo

6. Subhashini

7. T.Senthivel

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the fourth respondent to remove the encroachments made by respondents 5 to 7 in the channel situated in survey Nos.51 and 55 of



Sundakottai Village, Aruppukottai Taluk, Virudhunagar District and to ensure that the respondents 5 to 7 to run the stone quarries operation in accordance with the terms of the lease by implementing the proceeding dated 15.05.2025 sent by the fourth respondent to the first respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Sasikumar

For R-1 to R-4 : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader.

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1 to 4.

2. Issuance of notice to the private respondents is dispensed with.

3. The petitioner is a permanent resident of Sundakkottai Village. He alleges that in the petition-mentioned water body, there are encroachments. He points fingers at the private respondents. The private respondents are quarry lease holders. From the materials enclosed in the typed set of papers, it is seen that the private respondents have admitted that they had encroached the petition-mentioned water channel and they had undertaken to



remove the same. This undertaking has been recorded in the communication dated 15.05.2025 issued by the Tahsildar, Aruppukottai Taluk to the District Collector, Virudhunagar.

4. We direct the fourth respondent to issue notice to the private respondents herein and other encroachers if any and ensure that all the encroachments are cleared within a period of three months.

5. As per the statutory rules, quarry operations cannot be carried on within the prohibited distance from the water body. From the aforesaid communication, it is seen that on both sides of the water channel, quarry operations are being carried on. The first respondent will ensure that no quarry operations are carried out within the prohibited distance. Action will be taken only after issuing proper notice to the private respondents and due satisfaction is recorded that there are encroachments. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
11th September 2025

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