



W.P(MD)Nos.16824 of 2017, 10315, 10848, 14585, 14693, 15580 & 22372 of 2018,
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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.06.2025

CORAM:

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

**W.P(MD)Nos.16824 of 2017, 10315, 10848, 14585, 14693, 15580
& suo motu W.P(MD)No.22372 of 2018, W.P(MD)Nos.16801 of 2020
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and

**W.M.P(MD)Nos.13461 of 2017, 9825 of 2018, 9338 of 2018, 15791 of 2020,
9981 of 2018, 9982 of 2018, 15725 of 2020, 13143 of 2018, 13244 of 2018,
15239 of 2020, 13995 of 2018, 13996 of 2018, 14029 of 2020 & 14031 of 2020**

1.W.P(MD)No.16824 of 2017:

Rajaiah

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The District Collector,
Tuticorin District,
Tuticorin.

2.The Executive Engineer,
Water Resource Organization,
Vaippar River Basin,
Vaippar River Basin Division,
Vilathikulam,
Tuticorin District.



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3.The Assistant Director,
Geology and Mines Department,
Tuticorin, Tuticorin District.

4.The Deputy Tahsildar,
Head Quarters,
Vilathikulam Taluk,
Vilathikulam,
Tuticorin District.

5.M.Subramanian

... 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 4 to take necessary action against the fifth respondent restraining him from taking Minerals and sand from Survey No.1 and Survey No.2/1, V.Vedapatti Village, Vilathikulam Taluk, Tuticorin District.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Malaiyendran

For RR 1 to 4 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

For R – 5 : Mr.M.Gururaj

2.W.P(MD)No.10315 of 2018:

Sachithanandhan

... Petitioner

vs.

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- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai.
- 2.The Director of Geology & Mining,
Guindy, Chennai.
- 3.The District Collector,
Collectorate Campus,
Tanjore District.
- 4.The Executive Engineer,
PWD/WRD, Mining & Monetary Division,
Tanjore District.
- 5.The Member Secretary,
State Level Environment Impact
Assessment Authority,
3rd Floor, Panagal Maligai,
No.1, Jeenis Road, Saidapet,
Chennai – 15.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from quarry river sand in Survey No.1A, Block No.1, Vilangudi Village at Kollidam River.

For Petitioner : Mr.Niranjan S.Kumar

For RR 1 to 4 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

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For R – 5

: Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

3.W.P(MD)No.10848 of 2018:

T.Balaganesan

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The District Collector,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.

2.The Tahsildar,
Budalur Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

3.The Assistant Director of Geology and Mines (General),
Department of Geology and Mines,
Thanjavur District.

4.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Water Resource Department,
Cauvery Basin,
Thanjavur District.

5.The District Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.

6.The Block Development Officer,
(East Panchayat),
Budalur Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records of the proceedings of the first respondent's impugned order in Na.Ka.No. 84/Mines/2014 date 21.09.2017 signed by the third respondent by permitting the fourth respondent to operate sand quarry in Survey No.123(P) to an extent of 6.00.0 hectare, in Cauvery River-bed of Pavanamangalam Village, Budalur Taluk, Cauvery Basin Poramboke, Thanjavur District and quash the same and to ensure the ground water in the said area by considering the petitioner's representation dated 30.04.2018 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Haja Mohideen

For RR 1 to 4 & 6 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

For R – 5 : Mr.Mohamed Abdul Rasiq
for M/s.Madhuri Donti Reddy

4.W.P(MD)No.14585 of 2018:

K.Ponnuraman

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai.

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- 2.The Director of Geology & Mining,
Guindy, Chennai.
- 3.The District Collector,
Collectorate Campus,
Tanjore District.
- 4.The Executive Engineer,
PWD/WRD, Mining & Monetary Division,
Tanjore District.
- 5.The Member Secretary,
State Level Environment Impact
Assessment Authority,
3rd Floor, Panagal Maligai,
No.1, Jeenis Road,
Saidapet,
Chennai – 15.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from quarry river sand in Pavanamangalam Village at Cauvery river.

For Petitioner	: Mr.Niranjan S.Kumar
For RR 1 to 4	: Mr.P.Thilak Kumar Government Pleader
For R – 5	: Mr.N.Dilip Kumar



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5.W.P(MD)No.14693 of 2018:

V.R.Swaminathan

... Petitioner

VS.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Chief Secretary to Government,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 2.The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 3.The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032,
Tamil Nadu.
- 4.The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
76, Mount Road,
Chennai.
- 5.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Thanjavur.



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6.The Assistant Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Collectorate, Thanjavur.

7.The State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority,
Represented by its Member Secretary,
3rd Floor, Panagal Building,
No.1, Jennis Road,
Saithapettai, Chennai – 15.

8.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department (Water Resources Department),
Mining and Monitory Division,
Thanjavur.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from quarry sand in S.F.No.509E (part), Valkai Village, Papanasam Taluk, Thanjavur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.AN.Ramanathan

For RR 1 to 3 & 5 to 8: Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

For R – 4 : Mr.Mohamed Abdul Rasiq
for M/s.Madhuri Donti Reddy

6.W.P(MD)No.15580 of 2018:

Bharathidasan

... Petitioner

vs.

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- 1.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 2.The Deputy Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aruppukottai Division,
Aruppukottai,
Virudhunagar District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Thiruchuli Taluk,
Thiruchuli,
Virudhunagar District.
- 5.M.Rajkumar ... 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 4 to restrain the fifth respondent from excavating sand in S.Nos.293/2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 23.3, 296/1, 300/1 (1.31.5 Hectare - 3.67 Acres) and adjacent lands situate at Veercholan Village, Thiruchuli Taluk, Virudhunagar District and consequently directing the respondents 1 to 4 to take appropriate action as against the fifth respondent for illegal sand mining on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 30.06.2018.

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For Petitioner : Mr.A.Arun Prasad
For RR 1 to 4 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader
For R – 5 : Mr.M.S.Jeya Karthik

7.Suo Motu W.P(MD)No.22372 of 2018:

The Registrar (Judicial),
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

... Petitioner

vs.

- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Chief Secretary,
Secretariat, Chennai.
- 2.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.
- 3.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.
- 4.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.
- 5.The District Collector,
Pudukottai District, Pudukottai.

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6.The Superintendent of Police,
Pudukottai District,
Pudukkottai.

7.The Tahsildar,
Ponnamaravathi Taluk,
Pudukottai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the concerned authorities to take effective steps to stop such illegal sand mining activities and take appropriate action against the violators.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.S.Mohammed Mohideen

For RR 1 to 5 & 7 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

For R – 6 : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

8.W.P(MD)No.16801 of 2020:

Rajan

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Director of Mines,
Directorate of Geology and Mining Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

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2.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

3.The Assistant Director of Mines,
Department of Mines and Minerals,
Office of the District Collector,
Virudhunagar.

4.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aruppukkottai,
Virudhunagar District.

5.The Tahsildar,
Aruppukkottai Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

6.S.Balasubramani

7.R.R.Senthil Kumar Raju

8.V.Rajkumar

9.R.Arokyapaulraj

10.K.Ponramesh

11.R.Anand Prabu

12.M.Saravanaganesan

13.D.Muthaiah

14.T.R.Varatharajan

15.R.Thamilselvam

... 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 5 to consider the representations given by the petitioner dated 13.09.2019 and 23.10.2020 in respect of illegal quarry conducting by the respondents 6 to 15 and

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consequently direct the official respondents to preserve the water body and illegal quarrying.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Samidurai
For RR 1 to 5 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader
For RR 6 & 15 : Mr.M.Gangatharan
For RR 7 & 12 : Mr.K.Govindarajan
for Mr.Karthikeya Venkitachalapathy

9.W.P(MD)No.25827 of 2022:

T.Achimuthu ... Petitioner

vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.
- 2.The Assistant Director,
Geology and Mining Department,
Dindigul.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Dindigul, Dindigul District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Nilakottai Taluk,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the fourth respondent to take appropriate action to stop illegal mining gravel soil, sand theft from the Kariyampatti Kanmoi in Survey No.608 measuring 14.47.5 hectares at Kariyampatti Village, Nilakkottai Taluk, Dindigul District as per the order of the second respondent through his proceedings in Na.Ka.No.186/2021 mines dated 24.05.2021 and order of the third respondent through his proceedings in Oo.Mu.No.3070/2021/A4 dated 30.06.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Manikandan

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

COMMON ORDER

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

Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Pleader as well as the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the contesting respondents would submit that the lease period expired in respect of quarrying operations. Asfar as the river sand is concerned, the Government imposed ban.

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2.In view of the above, no further adjudication needs to be undertaken and the Writ Petitions stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

[S.M.S.,J.] & [A.D.M.C.,J.]
12.06.2025
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NCC : Yes / No
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To

- 1.The District Collector,
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Tuticorin.
- 2.The Executive Engineer,
Water Resource Organization,
Vaippar River Basin,
Vaippar River Basin Division,
Vilathikulam,
Tuticorin District.

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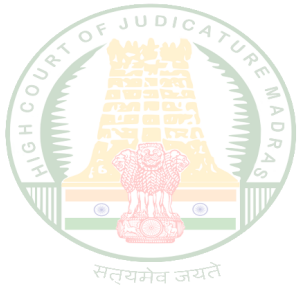


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- 3.The Assistant Director,
Geology and Mines Department,
Tuticorin, Tuticorin District.
- 4.The Deputy Tahsildar,
Head Quarters,
Vilathikulam Taluk,
Vilathikulam,
Tuticorin District.
- 5.The Chief Secretary to Government,
Represented by its Government of Tamil Nadu,
Public Works Department, Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai.
- 6.The Director of Geology & Mining,
Guindy, Chennai.
- 7.The District Collector,
Collectorate Campus,
Tanjore District.
- 8.The Executive Engineer,
PWD/WRD, Mining & Monetary Division,
Tanjore District.
- 9.The District Collector,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.
- 10.The Tahsildar,
Budalur Taluk,
Thanajvur District.

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- 11.The Assistant Director of Geology and Mines (General),
Department of Geology and Mines,
Thanjavur District.
- 12.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Water Resource Department,
Cauvery Basin,
Thanjavur District.
- 13.The District Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.
- 14.The Block Development Officer,
(East Panchayat),
Budalur Taluk,
Thanjavur District.
- 15.The Chief Secretary to Government,
Represented by the State of Tamil Nadu,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.
- 16.The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.
- 17.The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032,
Tamil Nadu.

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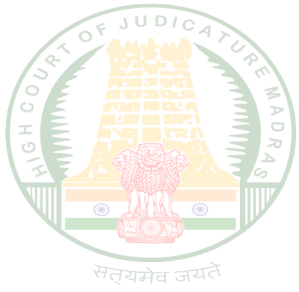


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- 18.The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
76, Mount Road, Chennai.
- 19.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Thanjavur.
- 20.The Assistant Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Collectorate, Thanjavur.
- 21.The Member Secretary,
Represented by its State Level Environmental Impact
Assessment Authority,
3rd Floor, Panagal Building,
No.1, Jennis Road,
Saithapettai, Chennai – 15.
- 22.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department (Water Resources Department),
Mining and Monitory Division,
Thanjavur.
- 23.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 24.The Deputy Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

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25.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aruppukottai Division,
Aruppukottai,
Virudhunagar District.

26.The Tahsildar,
Thiruchuli Taluk,
Thiruchuli,
Virudhunagar District.

27.The Chief Secretary,
Represented by its Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai.

28.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.

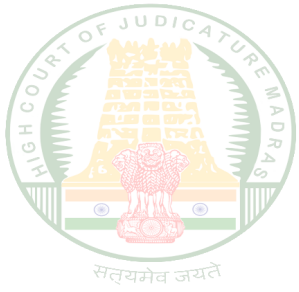
29.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.

30.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.

31.The District Collector,
Pudukottai District, Pudukottai.

32.The Superintendent of Police,
Pudukottai District,
Pudukkottai.

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- 33.The Tahsildar,
Ponnamaravathi Taluk,
Pudukottai District.
- 34.The Director of Mines,
Directorate of Geology and Mining Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
- 35.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 36.The Assistant Director of Mines,
Department of Mines and Minerals,
Office of the District Collector,
Virudhunagar.
- 37.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aruppukkottai,
Virudhunagar District.
- 38.The Tahsildar,
Aruppukkottai Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.
- 39.The District Collector,
Dindigul District, Dindigul.
- 40.The Assistant Director,
Geology and Mining Department,
Dindigul.

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41.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Dindigul,
Dindigul District.

42.The Tahsildar,
Nilakottai Taluk,
Dindigul District.



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