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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.01.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

and

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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and

W.M.P.(MD)No.26297 of 2024

R.Sadhankumar

: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Dindigul District, Dindigul.

2.The Assistant Director,
Mines and Minerals Department,
O/o. The District Collector,
Dindigul.

3.J.Petichiammal

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 & 2



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to take action against the third respondent for illegal quarry without following the conditions stipulated under the Mines and Minerals Act and do cancel the license granted to the third respondent by considering the representation dated 03.12.2024 preferred by the petitioner within a period that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Natarajan

For Respondents 1 & 2 : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar

Government Pleader

ORDER

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

By consent of both sides, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2.This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus to direct the respondents 1 & 2 to take action against the third respondent for illegal quarry without following the conditions stipulated under the Mines and Minerals Act and do cancel the license granted to the third respondent by considering the representation dated 03.12.2024, preferred by the petitioner.



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3.Since this Court is directing the respondents 1 & 2 to consider the petitioner's representation, after giving due opportunity to the private respondent herein, notice to the private respondent is hereby dispensed with.

4.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the official respondents on 03.12.2024, in this regard. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

5.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.



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6.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents 1 & 2 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 03.12.2024, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner herein and the third respondent, as well as all other persons, who may be interested in the subject property, within a period of three [3] months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

7.With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[M.S.R.,J.] & [A.D.M.C.,J.]

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