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W.P.No.7284 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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&

W.M.P.Nos.7855 & 7856 of 2026

C.Natarajan
S/o.Chinnakannan
4/64, Tank Street
Chakkaramallur Village
Arcot Taluk
Ranipet District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Government of Tamilnadu
Rep by the Secretary to Government
Department of Natural Resources
(Geology and Mining)
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
2. The District Collector
Ranipet District
Collectorate
Ranipet-632 403.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Ranipet -632 403



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Ranipet District.

4. The Executive Engineer
Water Resources Department (WRD)
Mining and Monitoring Division
Villupuram -605602.
5. The Executive Engineer
TWAD Board
Rural Water supply (RWS) Division
No.5, Arignar Anna Street
Bharathi Nagar
Ranipet-632 403.
6. The Assistant Director(General)
Department of Geology and Mining
3rd Floor, A Block, Collectorate campus
Ranipet-632 403.
7. The Assistant Director(Mines)
Department of Geology and Mining
3rd Floor, A Block, Collectorate campus
Ranipet-632 403.
8. The State Level Environment
Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)
9th Floor, Metros CMRL Building
Rathna Nagar, Nandanam
Chennai-600 035.
9. The Tahsildar
Arcot Taluk
Arcot -632 503
Ranipet District.

Respondent(s)

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records



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relating to the proceedings of the 2nd respondent in his office Ref.Na.Ka.No.119/2023(Mines) dated 02.01.2026, quash the same and forbear the respondents from quarrying sand in Palar River abutting Chakkaramallur Village, Arcot Taluk, Ranipet District from Puduppadi Village limit to Easiyanur Village limit.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Tamil Thendran Arasu

For Respondent(s): Mr.E.Vijay Anand
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1 to R7 & R9
Mr.V.Chandrasekaran for R8

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This petition has been filed challenging the permission granted to fourth respondent to undertake sand quarrying in Palar river abutting Chakkaramallur Village, Arcot Taluk, Ranipet District.

2. As the order passed by the Collector is appealable under Rule 36C of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, we are not inclined to examine the matter on merits. Petitioner may prefer an appeal before the competent authority.



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3. Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, the interim applications are closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
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