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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 15265 of 2026

T.Balu
S/o.Thangavelu
No.245 Arthanary Gounder Street
Meyyanur, Salem 636004.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Level Environmental Impact
Assessment Authority (SEIAA) - Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Member Secretary
9th Floor, Metro (CMRL Building)
Nandanam, Chennai 600035.

..Respondent(s)

To direct the Respondent to consider and afford a personal hearing regarding the petitioners Environmental Clearance Application in Proposal Number SIA/TN/MIN/431246/2023 bearing File No. 10864, in light of the Honble National Green Tribunal, southern Zones Judgment in Appeal No.10 of 2025 dated 28.01.2026, for the proposed quarry activity of Rough Stone over an extent of 1.00.0 Ha (Government Lease Land) at S.F.Nos. 146/2 (Part) of Deevattipatti Village, Kadayampatti Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu and pass.

For Petitioner(s):	M/s.G.Vignesh
For Respondent(s):	Mr.V.Chandrasekaran, Senior Panel Counsel

Order

This Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus directing the respondent to consider and afford a personal hearing to the petitioner's Environmental



Clearance Application in Proposal Number SIA/TN/MIN/431246/2023 bearing File No.10864, in light of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone's judgment in Appeal No.10 of 2025 dated 28.01.2026 for the proposed quarry activity of Rough Stone over an extent of 1.00.0 Ha (Government Lease land) at S.F.Nos.146/2 (Part) of Deevattipatti Village, Kadayampatti Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he is the successful bidder for a Government Poromboke Land Tender cum Auction and was subsequently granted 10 year mining lease for the extraction of Rough Stone over an extent of 1.00.0 Ha at S.F.No.146/2, Deevattipatti Village, Kadayampatti Taluk, Salem District. The petitioner submitted an online proposal, which was arbitrarily rejected by the respondent, vide order dated 02.12.2024 on erroneous ground, which was successfully challenged by the petitioner before the Hon'ble Green Tribunal in Appeal No.10 of 2025 and vide judgment dated 28.01.2026, NGT set aside the rejection order and remitted the matter for reconsideration. Despite NGT's directions to the respondent to reconsider the reappraisal environmental application and explicit direction under para 28(II) of the said judgment to afford an opportunity of personal hearing to the proposed respondent, no such personal hearing was afforded and hence, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition.



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3. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials.

4. Considering the limited scope of prayer sought for, this Court, without expressing anything on merits, directs the respondent to afford an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner and other interested parties with regard to the petitioner's request and consider the same and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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