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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 43416 of 2026
CNR:{HCMA012500192026}
AND
WMP Nos. 48733 and 48735 OF 2026

S.Arjunan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
   District Collectorate, Chinna Ekkadu, Jaya Nagar, Thiruvallur, Tamilnadu – 602001.

2. The Director of Geology and Mining,
   Guindy Institutional Area,
   SIDCO Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai, Tamilnadu - 600032.

3. The Sub Registrar,
   Sub Registrar Office, Thiruvottriyur TKS Complex, 5 and 4, sakthi puram, Thiruvottriyur, chennai, Tamilnadu - 600019.

4. A.Rukmani

5. K.Senthil Kumar

6. V.Krishnamoorthy

..Respondent(s)

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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus direct the respondents 1 and 2 to immediately recover/collect the penalty amount of Rs.55,54,224 from the 5th respondent relating to the proceedings of the Sub-Collector, Ponneri in Rc.No.663821/2023/A1 dated 25.11.2024 and the consequential letter of the District Collector, Tiruvallur in R.C.No.317/2026, Minerals -2 dated 10.08.2026 in accordance with Rule 36-A of the Tamilnadu Minor Mineral concession Rules, 1959 and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and further direct the 3rd respondent not to register any document in respect of the relevant survey numbers/subject property belonging to / standing in the name of the 6th respondent, pending such recovery and until further orders of the competent authority.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Kumar Pichandi

For Respondent(s): Mr.B.Karthikeyan,
Additional Government Pleader-For R1 to R3

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This writ petition has been filed for the following relief:

"To issue a Writ of Mandamus direct the respondents 1 and 2 to immediately recover/collect the penalty amount of Rs.55,54,224 from the 5th respondent relating to the

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proceedings of the Sub-Collector, Ponneri in Rc.No.663821/2023/A1 dated 25.11.2024 and the consequential letter of the District Collector, Tiruvallur in R.C.No.317/2026, Minerals -2 dated 10.08.2026 in accordance with Rule 36-A of the Tamilnadu Minor Mineral concession Rules, 1959 and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and further direct the 3rd respondent not to register any document in respect of the relevant survey numbers/subject property belonging to / standing in the name of the 6th respondent, pending such recovery and until further orders of the competent authority."

2. The case of the petitioner is that the 5th respondent had illegally quarried 10,764 cubic metres of ordinary earth, pursuant to which a penalty of Rs.55,54,224/- was imposed by the Sub-Collector, Ponneri, by proceedings dated 25.11.2024. It is stated that the said penalty amount has not been remitted to the Government till date, despite the District Collector, Tiruvallur, having directed immediate recovery of the same by letter dated 10.08.2026. In the meantime, the 5th respondent had registered a Sale Agreement dated 09.12.2025 in respect of the subject property, thereby attempting to deal with the property without clearing the dues payable to the Government. In this regard, the petitioner had also

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submitted a representation dated 13.12.2025 to the 1st respondent, but no effective action was taken. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed seeking the aforesaid relief.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1 to 3.

4. It is stated that the 5th respondent has filed an appeal before the District Collector challenging the levy of penalty. It also appears that the present dispute arises out of a personal vendetta and cannot be resolved by invoking the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Hence, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present Writ Petition. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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