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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **10.04.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**

AND

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

W.P.(MD)No.1580 of 2026

M.Muthu Ganesan

... Petitioner

/Vs./

- 1.The Secretary,
Water Resources Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Guindy Industrial Estate,
Alandur Road,
Guindy, Chennai-32.
- 3.The District Collector,
District Collector Office Korampallam,
Thoothukudi-628 101.
- 4.The Assistant Director,
Minerals and Mining Department,
District Collector Office Korampoallam,
Thoothukudi-628 101.
- 5.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o.Revenue Divisional Office,
Thiruchendur, Thoothukudi District-628 215.



- 6.The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office Complex Thiruchendur,
Thoothukudi-628 215.
- 7.The Tahsildar,
Srivaikundam,
Tuticorin-628 601.
- 8.The Tahsildar,
Sathankulam,
Tuticorin-628 704.
- 9.M/s.Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited,
Pallikaranai, Chennai.
- 10.M/s.Immanuel and Co., (Tuticorin),
4/136-C/1, Harbour Bypass Road,
Near Fisheries College,
Tuticorin-628 008.
- 11.M/s.Sri Saravana Engineering,
Bhavani (P) Ltd., (Erode),
367A, Mettur Main Road,
Bhavani, Erode-638 301.
- 12.M/s.RPP Infra Project Limited (Erode),
S.F.No.454, Ragupathy Naicker Palayam,
Poondirai Main Road,
Railway Colony Post,
Erode-638 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition - filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari filed Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the proceeding of the fourth respondent in Na.Ka.No.G.M. 1/870/2023 dated 02.03.2025 and quash the same as illegal and incompetent and consequently directing the official respondents to take



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appropriate action as against the supply of illegal gravel sand in and around the Thoothukudi District creating huge revenue loss to the Government.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Selvam
For Respondents : Mr.A.Kannan (R1 to R8)
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

This writ petition has been filed challenging the proceedings initiated by the District Collector, Tuticorin as against the illegal supply of gravel sands in Udangudi Thermal Power Station, Thoothukudi District.

2.The contention of the petitioner is that the petitioner has made several representations to the official respondents alleging illegal supply of gravel sand. The third respondent vide communication dated 24.04.2023 directed the District Revenue Officer to conduct enquiry in this regard and file a report by considering the representation of the petitioner. The said proceedings is pending. In the meanwhile, the Assistant Director, Minerals and Mining Department has passed the



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impugned order without considering the allegations made by the petitioner by way of representations. Hence, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3.The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that the petitioner's representations have been duly considered and necessary action has already been initiated against the offenders involved in the illegal activity.

4.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials placed on record.

5.A perusal of the impugned order reveals that action has already been initiated and penalty has been imposed against the offenders involved in the illegal supply of gravel sand. It is also brought to the notice of this Court that an appeal has been preferred as against the said proceedings by the aggrieved parties, which is presently pending before the District Collector.



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6. In view of the above, the District collector is directed to dispose of the appeal within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Depending upon the outcome of the said appeal, the authorities shall proceed further in accordance with law without any further delay.

7. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
10.04.2026

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