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W.P.(MD)NO.10037 OF 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 09.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.10037 of 2026

and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.7889 & 7890 of 2026

N.Arumugam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District.

2. The Tahsildar,
Kamuthi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

3. The Executive Engineer,
Water Resource Department(Additional Charge),
Mining and Monitoring Division,
Madurai-2.

4. The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department(WRO),
Ramanathapuram.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, issuing a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned letter dated 20.03.2026 made in letter No.17M V.PA/V.A/KO.40(Petition)/2026 on the file of



the third respondent and quash the same as illegal and consequently to restrain the respondents from establishing the sand quarry at the specified survey Nos.258(PART), 259 and 250 of Mandala Manickam Village, Kamuthi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District and protect the Gundar River bed from ecological degradation.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Udhayakumar

For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Government Pleader.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner has moved this Court rather prematurely. The petitioner apprehends that there is a proposal to open a sand quarry in Gundar river flowing near the petitioner's village. At this stage, only a proposal has been submitted to the District Collector. Formal permission is yet to be granted.

3. The petitioner can very well come to this Court at that stage as and when permission is granted. We are also confident that



without holding a public hearing, such permission will not be granted. We direct the first respondent to hear the affected villagers.

The petitioner can participate during the public hearing and ventilate his grievances. If any permission is being granted by the first respondent to open the sand quarry in the petition mentioned Gundar river, a copy of the same shall be immediately furnished to the petitioner so that the petitioner can move this Court again for relief. This writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
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