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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

WP(MD) No. 30726 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011513352026}

K.E.Abdul Kareem,
S/o.K.M.Ibrahim Kutty,
Katteh House,
Edavoor Post,
Koovappady,
Kunnathunad Taluk,
Eranakulam District,
State of Kerala - 683544.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner/Director,
   Department of Geology and Mining,
   Guindy,
   Chennai - 600032.

2. The District Collector
   Tenkasi District,
   Tenkasi.

3. The Assistant Director
   Department of Geology and Mining,
   Tenkasi District,
   Tenkasi.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to expedite the Appeal pending on the file of the 1st respondent vide proceeding in Na.Ka.No.2863/M.M.12/2026 dated 11.06.2026.

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For Petitioner(s) :M/s S.Deenadhayalan

For Respondent(s) :Mr.T.Thirumurugan – for R1 to R3
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to expedite the Appeal pending on the file of the 1st respondent vide proceeding in Na.Ka.No.2863/M.M.12/2026 dated 11.06.2026.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry lease in his petitioner's patta lands comprised in Survey Numbers 399/1B, 399/22, 400/3A2, 400/2B, 401/1 and 413/1B, to an extent of 04.16.00 Hectares, situated at Thenpothai Village, Shenkottai Taluk, Tenkasi District, for a period of 10 years under Rule 19(1) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. Even while applying the same, he had obtained no objection certificate from the necessary departments. However, the third respondent rejected his application by order dated 4-10-2025. Against which, the petitioner had preferred an appeal before the second respondent. The second respondent has passed an order dated 14.03.2026, confirmed the order passed by the third respondent, rejecting

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the petitioner's appeal. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner had prepared an appeal as per Rule 36(C) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959 to the first respondent on 21.04.2026 and the same is pending before the first respondent without consideration. Hence this Writ Petition.

3. Heard either sides and carefully perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the limited scope of relief sought for by the petitioner, the first respondent is directed to expedite the appeal pending on the file of the 1st respondent vide proceeding in Na.Ka.No.2863/M.M.12/2026 dated 11.06.2026 and dispose of the same within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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