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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

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S.Kalaiselvi

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Palladam Road,
Tirupur District - 641 604.

2.Revenue Divisional Officer,
Townhall,
Tirupur District - 641 601.

3.The Assistant Director,
Collectorate Office,
Department of Geology & Mining,
Tirupur District - 641604.

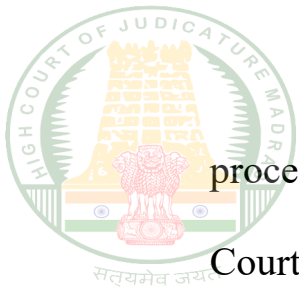
4.The Thashildar,
Palladam Taluk Office,
Palladam - 641 664.



5.The Village Administrative Officer,
Kodangipalayam Village,
Palladam – 641 662.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India for issue of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 10.05.2025, in accordance with G.O.Ms.No. 170, Industries (M.M.C.2) Department dated 05.08.2020, seeking a comprehensive field inspection using the latest technology including DGPS satellite survey and drone survey of the quarrying operations carried out in Kodangipalayam Village, Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur District, in Survey Nos. 27/1, 10/8, 28/1B, 28/2A, 25/1A, 25/1B , 25/1D, and 10/2A also all active and inactive quarries in Survey Nos. 10, 27 and 28; and upon finding violations, to initiate necessary remedial actions including suspension or cancellation of illegal quarry operations, recovery of the cost of illegally mined minerals along with 15 times the seigniorage fee and royalty, in accordance with Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, initiation of criminal



proceedings in terms of law and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Common Cause v. Union of India (2017) 9 SCC 499.***

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For Petitioner : Mr. N.D.Sivakumaran

For Respondents : Mr. Stalin Abhimanyu
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To direct the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner’s representation dated 10.05.2025, in accordance with G.O.Ms.No. 170, Industries (M.M.C.2) Department dated 05.08.2020, seeking a comprehensive field inspection using the latest technology including DGPS satellite survey and drone survey of the quarrying operations carried out in Kodangipalayam Village, Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur District, in Survey Nos. 27/1, 10/8, 28/1B, 28/2A, 25/1A, 25/1B , 25/1D, and 10/2A also all active and inactive quarries in Survey Nos. 10, 27 and 28;



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*and upon finding violations, to initiate necessary remedial actions including suspension or cancellation of illegal quarry operations, recovery of the cost of illegally mined minerals along with 15 times the seigniorage fee and royalty, in accordance with Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, initiation of criminal proceedings in terms of law and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Common Cause v. Union of India (2017) 9 SCC 499.**”*

2. Today, when the matter is called for admission Mr.Stalin Abhimanyu, learned Additional Government Pleader, produced a letter dated 20.01.2026, wherein it is stated as follows:

“(vii)In view of the above, it was informed to the petitioner Tmt.Kalaiselvi vide this office letter No.3/Mines/2025 dated 11.08.2025 that, in Tiruppur District, Drone survey was conducted in 8 Rough stone quarries in 1st and 2nd phases. Further, it was informed that



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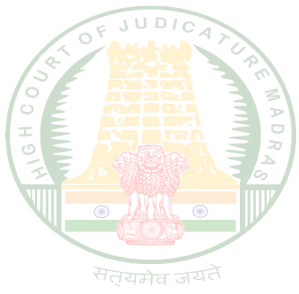
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the petitioner request will be considered in the next phase of drone survey. Further, it was informed that, the quarry situated in S.F.No.28/1B & 28/2A was expired on 09.11.2022 and no quarrying activities were noticed at the time of field inspection.

(viii) In the above circumstances, it is informed that, 20 quarries were allotted for drone survey in 3rd phase vide proceedings of the Regional Joint Director, Geology and Mining, Salem Region in Rc.No.78/2025/RJD-Mines/SLM-2. Out of which 4 quarries are covered in Palladam Taluk and that also includes the quarry lease granted to Tvl.S.G.Blue Metals in SF.Nos.25/1A, 25/2B, 25/1D over an extent of 1.81.0 hectares of Kodangipalayam Village, Palladam Taluk. Further, orders will be obtained for conducting drone survey in the subject quarry in subsequent phases.

(ix) In the above circumstances, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras.



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(x)It is informed that,

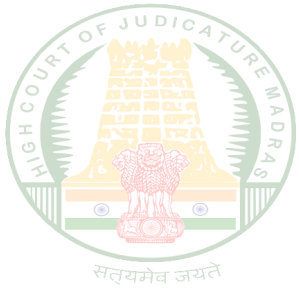
a.The subject quarry in SF.No.27/1, 10/8, 25/1A, 25/2B and 25/1D of Kodangipalayam, Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur District was in operation since 2006.

b.The licence to operate the quarry was granted after obtaining the recommendation reports from the Revenue Department, Pollution Control Board, Mines Department, State Level Impact Assessment Authority.

c.Orders were already issued to conduct drone survey in S.F.Nos.25/1A, 25/2B, 25/1D over an extent of 1.81.0 hectares.

d.The petitioner request will be considered in the forthcoming phases for conducting drone survey for the remaining areas and action will be taken as per act and rules inforce.

e.Further, action has been already initiated on the representation submitted by the petitioner.



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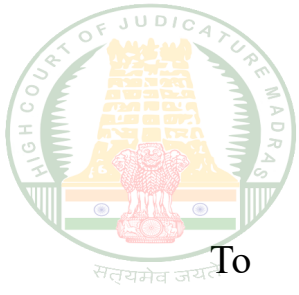
3. From a reading of the above, it is clear that the petitioner's request has already been addressed. Therefore, this writ petition is disposed of on the basis of the letter dated 20.01.2026. No costs.

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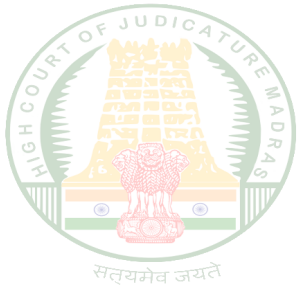
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