



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 1237 of 2026

C.Palanisamy

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Ariyalur District, Ariyalur.

2.The Appellate authority
(The Assistant Director),
Office of the Geology, Mines and Minerals
Department, Ariyalur District, Ariyalur.

3.The Public Information Officer
(The Assistant Director)
Office of the Geology, Mines and Minerals
Department, Ariyalur District, Ariyalur.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Selvaraj

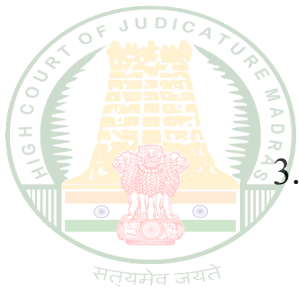
For Respondent: Mr.Stalin Abimanuyu
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner had sought information from the respondents as to the number of persons who have been issued licence for quarrying operation in the following villages:

1. T.Palur

2. Jeyamkondam



3. Andimadam and Ariyalur Unions in Ariyalur District.

2. He had also sought information as to the period of licence/lease granted for red soil quarrying and the survey numbers of the village, where such licences has been granted.

3. The petitioner claims that he is an Advocate in the District of Ariyalur and he is also a member of Society formed for protection of natural resources, mines and minerals.

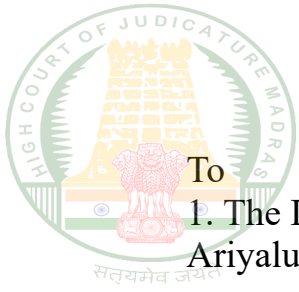
4. The information, as regards the licence that has been granted by the State under the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act and rules made thereunder, does not come either under Section 8 or under Section 24 of the Right to Information Act.

5. Mr.Stalin Abimanuyu, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3. He shall instruct the respondents to furnish the information as sought by the petitioner.

Post this matter on 29.01.2026 in the admission list.

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