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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 9138 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 9863 OF 2026, WMP NO. 9867 OF 2026

T.Soundarajan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Collectorate GST Road,
Chengalpattu-603 001.
2. The Assistant Director / Deputy Director
Department of Geology and Mining
Alandur Road,
Guindy Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai-600 032
3. the Chairman Rep. by its
National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,
Government of India,
G-5 and G-6, Sector-10, Dwarka,
New Delhi-110075
4. The Secretary to Government
Industries Department (Mines/Natural
Resources)
Fort St. George,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009
5. The Secretary to Government,
Public works Department / water Resources
Department,
Fort st. George,
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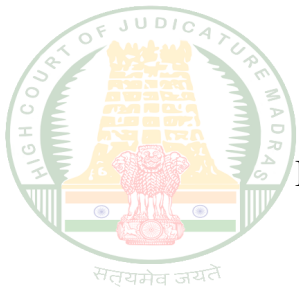
6. The Executive Engineer
Water Resources Department,
Palar Basin Division
Kancheepuram
7. The Sub Collector
Chengalpattu District-603 001
8. The Tahsildar
Thirukazhukundram
Chengalpattu District-603 001
9. The Village Administrative officer
Mullikulathur Village,
Thirukazhukundram,
Chengalpattu District-603 001
10. M/s. JSRIDPL ARIFL(JV)
Amobindo Realigy and Infrastructure P.Ltd.,
No.16, Vivekanandha Street,
Thirumoolar Colony,
Anna Nagar West,
Chennai-600 040

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of Mandamus calling for the records relating to the proceedings of the district collector, Chengalpattu District, vide Na.Ka. No.547/ Mines/ 2024 dated 10.02.2026 issued in respect of granting permission to quarry ordinary earth from the lake comprised in Survey No.260, Mullikulathur Village, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Chengalpattu District, to Tvl. JSRDPL- APRIL(JV) m/s. Aurobinda Reality and Infrastructure pvt. Ltd., for utilization in the NH 33.2A Bharatmala Pariyojana Project and quash the same b) forbearing the respondents their men, agents, servants or anybody claiming through them, from in any manner quarrying, excavating, removing ordinary earth or carrying on any mining activity in the lake comprised in Survey No.260, Mullikulathur Village, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Chengalpattu District

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.B.L.Jayakandan



For Respondent(s):

Mr.Stalin Abimanyu, Additional Government
Pleader for R1 and R2

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Order

Notice to the respondents 3 to 10 returnable by 16.03.2026. Mr.Stalin Abimanyu, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for respondents 1 and 2.

2. The dispute raised in the writ petition is that as per the impugned order, the 1st respondent permitted the 10th respondent to quarry 30.024 metric tonnes of ordinary earth from the Mullikulathur lake in S.F.No.260 and to utilize the same for road works under NH 33.2A Bharatmala Pariyojana Project.

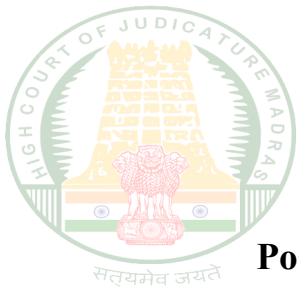
3. The grievance of the petitioner is that he is the owner and cultivator of agricultural lands situated in Mullikulathur Village. The petitioner and several agriculturists of the Village are entirely dependent on the said lake for irrigation. In order to quarry ordinary earth as permitted in the impugned order, the water must necessarily be drained. Such action would amount to destruction of a water body and thereby the villagers of the said locality will be put to irreversible loss. The 1st respondent without considering the said aspects and without verifying the existing depth and structural condition of the water body, had granted permission for quarrying operation.



4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the total quantity allowing the 10th respondent for removal of ordinary sand is 30,000 metric tonnes, however they have removed ordinary sand in excess of the permissible limit. Hence this Court may appoint an Advocate Commissioner to inspect the lake and submit a report before this Court.

5. Heard the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. In order to ascertain whether the 10th respondent has extracted ordinary sand in excess of the permissible limit, this Court request Dr.Hariharn, Dean, Anna University, Guindy, Chennai, to appoint any one of competent expert in the particular field to inspect the lake situated in S.F.No.260, Mullikulathur Village, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Chengalpattu District, and find out whether the ordinary sand is extracted as per the proceedings of the District Collector, Chengalpattu District, dated 10.02.2026 and file a report before this Court on or before 20.03.2026. The petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- as initial remuneration to meet out the expenditure of the expert.



Post the matter on 20.03.2026 and the report of the Advocate

Commissioner by then.

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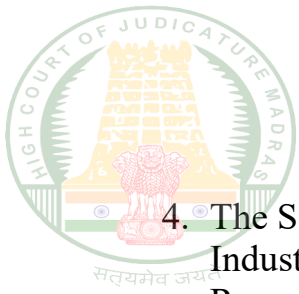
Note:

- 1. Issue order copy on 11.03.2026.**
- 2. Registry is directed to mark a copy of this order to;**

**The Dean,
Anna University,
No.12, Sardar Patel Road,
Guindy, Chennai.
Ph No.044 22358490.**

To

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