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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 29.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

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and

W.M.P.(MD) Nos.5624 & 5628 of 2026

A.Marudhupandi

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector of Madurai,
Office of District Collector,
Gandhi Nagar,
Madurai - 625 020.
- 2.The Superintendent Engineer,
The Pollution Control Board,
Office of Madurai District
Pollution Control Board,
Sidco, Kappalur, Madurai - 625 008.
- 3.The Executive Engineer,
Tamilnadu Electricity Board,
Office at Alagar Kovil,
Madurai.

4.Suppulakshmi

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first to third respondents to take necessary steps to close the activities of the fourth respondent in



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running a silver pattarai in the name and style as “Suppulkashmi Enterprises” very near to the house of the writ petitioner situate in Perumal Patti.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Karthik
For R1 : M/s.P.Sudarkodi Natchiyar
Counsel for Government of Tamilnadu
For R2 : M/s.Madhuri Dhonti Reddy
For R3 : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan
Standing Counsel
For R4 : Mr.K.Mahendran

ORDER

The petitioner is aggrieved by the Silver Workshop (சில்வர் பட்டறை) situated adjacent to the petitioner's residential property.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the fourth respondent has been running a unit next to the petitioner's house and is causing nuisance as constantly the silver items are being polished resulting in not only noise pollution but also air pollution. In this connection, the petitioner has given several representations.



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3. The learned counsel for the second respondent would submit that the unit run by the fourth respondent does not require any permission from the second respondent, as it falls under the White Category and if at all, the fourth respondent is required to obtain permission from the local authority or the Block Development Officer (BDO), as the case may be. A report has also been filed by the second respondent. The relevant portion of the said report reads as under:

“3. It is respectfully submitted that in pursuance to the writ petition the above said unit was inspected on 01.04.2026 by the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board Official. During inspection, the following were observed:

- 1) The unit was in operation.*
- 2) This is a small-scale fabrication unit.*
- 3) The unit is involved in the manufacturing of handles for tiffin carriers using stainless steel rods.*
- 4) The unit is located adjacent to the complainant's house and as per the Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) classification and the land document furnished by the unit, the land in which the unit is located is classified as Residential area.*
- 5) There is no trade effluent generation from the unit's activity.*



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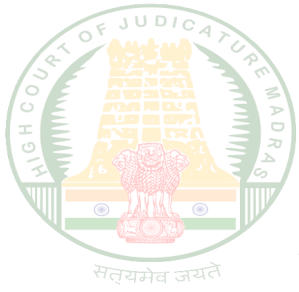
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6) *During inspection, the polishing machine was not under operation.*

7) *As per TNPC Board B.P.No.6 Dated: 02.08.2016 revised categorization of industries, the unit's activity falls under white category type code: 4014. The CPCB has also mentioned that there shall no necessity of obtaining the Consent to Operate for White category of industries and an intimation to SPCB shall suffice.*

4. *It is respectfully submitted that in this regard, a letter dated: 01.04.2026 was addressed to the Block Development Officer, Melur Panchayat Union by the District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Madurai to take necessary action on the unit as per Tamilnadu District Municipality Act, 1920 and Tamilnadu Public Health Act, 1939.”*

4. Considering the same, I am inclined to dispose of this Writ Petition by directing the first respondent to consider the request of the petitioner for the closure and removal of the unit put up by the fourth respondent, after issuing due notice to the fourth respondent, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Needless to state, all the parties shall be afforded an opportunity of being heard before the final order is passed.



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5. If so desired, the first respondent may call for a further report from the second respondent as to whether the unit put up by the fourth respondent is prone to cause any kind of pollution or nuisance.

6. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

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