



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP(MD) NO. 10568 of 2026

AND

WMP(MD) NO. 8272 OF 2026, WP(MD) NO. 10033 OF 2026, WMP(MD) NO. 7884 OF 2026, WMP(MD) NO. 7885 OF 2026, WMP(MD) NO. 7886 OF 2026, WMP(MD) NO. 8269 OF 2026, WMP(MD) NO. 8268 OF 2026

1. Tamilnadu Quarry And Crusher Owners Welfare Association
(Regn No. 57/2014) Rep. by its Secretary A.NarayanaPerumalsamy S/o.Ayyasamy D1/76
New Housing Unit Sivakasi West
Virudhunagar District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner of geology and Mining
ThiruViKa Industrial Estate Guindy
Chennai-32.
2. The District Collector
The District Collector Virudhunagar District.
3. The Assistant Director of geology and mining
Office of the District Collector
Collectorate
Virudhunagar District.

Respondent(s)

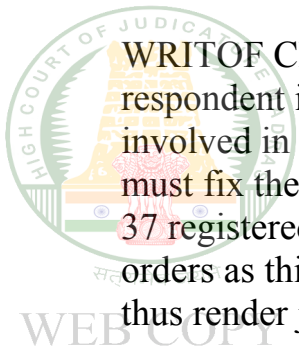
For Petitioner(s):

C.Jeganathan
C.A.Shanmukhavel
N.Sathiswaran
V.Ramu
V.Monohar
S.Nandhini
G.Gopinath

For Respondent(s): AAG Assisted By M/s.M.Lingadurai, Spl.Gp Appear For R1 & R2

Prayer:

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a



WRIT OF CERTIORARI calling for the records relating to the impugned Memo respondent in Rc.No.KV1/1032/2025-2 dated 12.03.2026, insisting that all the vehicles involved in transporting the minerals from lawful quarries/stone crushing units/stock yards must fix the GPS AIS-140 Standards instrument, that is purchased only from any one of the 37 registered dealers of Tamil Nadu, quash the same as illegal and pass such further or other orders as this Honble Court may deem fit, and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

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Indian Drivers Society
(Reg.No.KLM/TC/256/2017),
Thenmalla P.O, Kollam,
Kerela- 691 308
Rep.by its General Secretary,
G.Nagaraj

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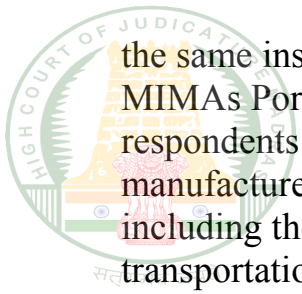
The Director
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Kerela- 691 308 Rep.by its General Secretary
G.Nagaraj and 2 Others Respondent(s)

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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a WRIT OF CERTIORARIFIED MANDAMUS calling for the records relating to the impugned Memo Rc.No.M1/31/2025 dated 22.01.2026, issued by the 2nd respondent, quash



the same insofar as very mandate exclusive integration of GPS/VLTD devices with MIMAS Portal through M/s.Xenovex Technologies (P) Ltd., and consequently direct respondents to permit integration through any of the 37 AIS-140 complaint VLTD manufacturers approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu or directly by the end users including the mines owners, lessors, vehicle owners, and mineral dealers engaged in transportation of minerals or any other competent vendor.

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COMMON ORDER

These writ petitions are connected and as such are taken up together.

2.The grievance of the petitioners is that when the petitioners are expected to fix the GPS device and integrate with the MIMAS Portal, the transport department suddenly made a notification that the GPS device should be purchased only from 37 approved vendors.

3.The instrument should be of AIS-140 standard, the normal market price of such an equipment is anywhere between Rs.5000/- and Rs.6000/-. Whereas, now it is alleged that the petitioners were required to go through the 3rd respondent and they are charging Rs.18,000/- per vehicle. It is further contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the GPS equipment is a simple equipment with the three wires to plug in into the socket and once they log in to the MIMAS Portal, thereafter, their movement will be monitored by the Government through its vendor. Therefore, when the vehicles are expected to fit the systems, they cannot be fleeced and this is an indirect way of making the vehicle owners to spend undue amount. More importantly, the third respondent, namely M/s.Xenovex Technologies (P) Ltd., or any other person involving in the matter are not even issuing any invoice, therefore, the entire system is made in a way so as to fleece money from the truck owners, vehicle owners, and not to account for the same.

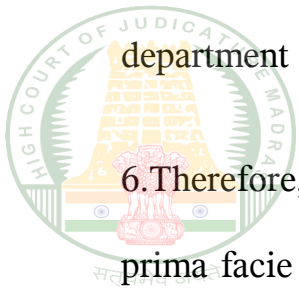
4.Under the said circumstances, on the last occasion, this Court raised specific queries to the



Government as to what was its arrangement with the third respondent and how charges are being collected and whether the Government has envisaged any charge to be collected by the 3rd respondent.

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5. In reply thereof, today on written instructions, the learned Additional Advocate General would submit that so as to fulfil the undertaking given before the Division Bench, in order to control the illicit transportation of minerals, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining had decided to engage a software developer for developing vehicle tracking system and to monitor the GPS installed vehicles at the District and State Level to regulate and monitor the transportation of minerals. In this regard, a work order was issued to the third respondent, namely M/s. Xenovex Technologies (P) Limited, for developing the vehicle tracking system at a cost of Rs.22,53,800/-. As a matter of fact, one Tvl. SISL Infotech Private Limited, is also engaged through ELCOT for purchase of cloud and the cloud was also procured through the said vendor at the cost of Rs.22,42,267/- per year. This apart, the Government has not fixed any cost for installation of GPS device by the approved manufacturers. The Xenovex Technologies Private Limited is the authorized vendor for the development of the MIMAS Portal Software for the Geology and Mining department and the Government has issued the orders with the defined scope for developing end to end computerization of the mining operations with a subcomponent for integration of GPS with MIMAS Portal. It is made clear that the Government has not authorized any collection of any charges for integration into the MIMAS Portal. It is further stated that Xenovex Technology is not an empaneled manufacturer, on the other hand, is the vendor for the maintenance and the development of the MIMAS Portal in order to monitor and extract data as far as the geology and Mining



department is concerned.

6. Therefore, from the reply made by the Additional Advocate General, it can be seen that prima facie the third respondent cannot insist the vehicle owner should pay Rs.18,000/- and they have to procure the equipment only from the third respondent. The vehicle owners will be entitled to purchase from the authorised vendors and if they have the technology, they themselves can plug-in the equipment and it is only the login which has to be approved by the 3rd respondent.

7. The said position is made clear. No more any vehicle owner be fleeced by any private parties. Issue notice to the third respondent returnable by 28.04.2026.

8. Private notice through speed post with acknowledgement due shall also be issued.

9. Call the matter under the same caption, immediately after admission on 28.04.2026. It is also made clear that if any one of the petitioners or any other person is paying a sum of Rs. 18,000/-, the same will be subject to the further orders of this Court.

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Note: Issue order copy on 22.04.2026

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2. The Assistant Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Tenkasi District, Tamil Nadu.

3. M/s. Xenovex Technologies (P) Ltd.
No.207, NSIC software Technology park,
B 24, Guindy Industrial Estate,
Ekkaduthangal,
Chennai-600032.

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