



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT



DATED: 21-05-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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WP(MD) NO. 14186 of 2026, WP(MD) NO. 14187 OF 2026

AND

WMP(MD) NO. 10609 OF 2026, WMP(MD) NO. 10607 OF 2026

S.Ramiah alias Ananth

Petitioner in W.P.(MD)No.14186 of 2026

M.Velmurugan

Petitioner in W.P.(MD)No.14187 of 2026

Vs.

1. The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Guindy, Chennai.

2. The District Collector,
Collectorate, Tirunelveli District.

3. The Member Secretary,
Local Planning Authority,
Tirunelveli District.

4. The Assistant Director of Town and Country Planning,
District Town and Country Planning Office,
Tirunelveli District.

5. The Assistant Director of Geology and Mining,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Collectorate Campus,
Tirunelveli District.

6. The Block Development Officer,
Panchayat Union Office,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District.

7. The President,
Melathediyoore Panchayat,
Melathediyoore, Tirunelveli District.



8. The Executive Engineer(Distribution),
TANGEDCO(Rural),
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District.



9. PSN College of Engineering and Technology,
Rep by its Chairman,
PSN Nagar, Melathediyoor Post,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District.

Respondent in both cases

In both cases,

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S. Vashik Ali

For Respondent(s): Mr.D.Ghandiraj, Special Government Pleader for R1 to R7
Mr.S.Deenadhayalan for R8

Common Prayer:

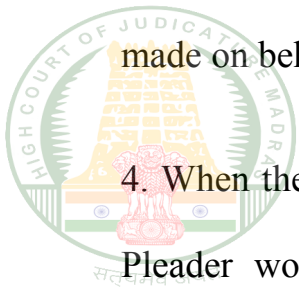
Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1 to 7 respondents herein to take appropriate action and forbear the 9th Respondent from proceeding with any construction within the prohibited distance of the stone quarrying site in Survey Nos.27/5A1B and 27/25 respectively in Melathediyoor Village, Palayamkottai Taluk, Tirunelveli District by considering the petitioner's representations dated 16.04.2026 and 11.05.2026 within the time stipulated by this Court.

ORDER

Issue notice of motion to the ninth respondent returnable by 11.06.2026. Private Notice is also permitted.

2. Mr.D.Ghandiraj, learned Special Government Pleader takes notice for R1 to R7 and Mr.S.Deenadhayalan, learned counsel takes notice for R8.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the construction is



made on behalf of the ninth respondent within the prohibited distance of 350 me

4. When the matter came up for admission, on instructions, the learned Special Government Pleader would submit a communication dated 11.05.2026 of the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining, Tirunelveli addressed to the Joint Director, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Tirunelveli, the Block Development Officer, Palayamkottai and the Tahsildar, Palayamkottai Taluk.

5. Upon perusal of the said communication, it states that he has conducted an inspection and it is found that the proposed development is within the distance of 150 to 350 meters, that too, adjoining the survey number where quarry is permitted. He has also brought to the notice of the Authorities that as per Rule 36(1-A)(a)(c) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 1959, planning permission should not have been given in respect of the said development.

6. In view of the submissions made, finding *prima facie* case, let there be an order of interim injunction till the next date of hearing.

7. Call on 11.06.2026.

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