



WP.(MD)No.21281 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 05.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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R.Ponnudurai

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Chief Engineer
Agricultural Engineering Department
487, Annasalai, Nandhanam,
Chennai.

2.The Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

3.The District Collector,
Tirunelveli.

... Respondents

(R2 & R3 are suo motu impleaded as per order of this Court dated 05.01.2026 in WP.(MD)No.21281 of 2024.)

For Petitioner: Mr.P.Ganapathy Subramanian

For Respondent: Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader.

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of



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India, praying for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the respondent in DC.3/29109/2022 dated 06.08.2024 and quash the same as illegal and arbitrary and in consequence thereof direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service at once.

ORDER

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an Assistant Engineer in Tamil Nadu Horticulture Department. He was placed under suspension by an order dated 12.07.2022, pursuant to the registration of a criminal case in Cr.No.417 of 2020 for the offence under Section 379 IPC, for sand theft. According to the learned counsel, the other delinquents from the Mines Department and other Departments have been reinstated, but, the petitioner alone has been kept under suspension for the past 3 and half years.

2.Considering the above submission, this Court *suo motu* impleads the Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Chennai and District Collector, Tirunelveli as second and third respondents to



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this writ petition. This Court also directs Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar, learned Special Government Pleader to get instructions as to the stage of enquiry, stage of the criminal case and whether the suspension order as against other delinquents has been revoked and reinstated into service.

3.Post the matter on 28.01.2026, for orders.

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Note: Issue Order copy on 07.01.2026

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