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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 10/03/2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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and WMP(MD)Nos.22734 and 22416 of 2025

D.Sakthivel

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government (FAC),
Natural Resources (MMC.1) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009..

2. The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032..

3. The District Collector,
Madurai District..

4. The Deputy Director of Mines,
And Geology, Collectorate Office,
Madurai District,
Madurai..

5. V.Lakshmanan

6. Rajendran

7. Maruthupandi

8. Kanian Veeraputhiran

(R6 to R8 are impleaded Vide Court Order Dated 28.01.2026 in
WMP(MD)No.27934 of 2025 by KRJ)



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9. R.Sathyendran

10. S.Bhagavathi

11. S.Ganesan

12. Sangili Karuppan

13. S.Lakshmanan

... Respondents

(R9 to R13 are impleaded Vide Court Order Dated 28.01.2026 in Wmp(Md) No.25866 of 2025 by KRJ)

PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus call for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the 4th respondent vide proceedings Na.Ka.No. 1451/Kanimam/2025 dated 03.10.2025 and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to undertake quarry operation vide the licence granted by the 4th respondent in Roc.No. 996/Mines/2023 dated 13.03.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.Sricharan Rangarajan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.D.Saravanan
For R1 to R4 : Mr.M.Senthil Ayyanar
Government Advocate
For R5 to R13 : Mr.V.Thangadurai

ORDER

The writ petition is filed challenging the impugned order of suspension dated 3/10/2025.

2. The case of the petitioner is that after due permission of all the authorities, the quarry lease is granted to the petitioner. The



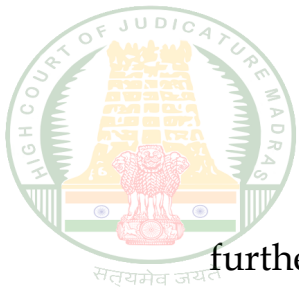
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petitioner's grievance is that merely because the villagers have opposed to the same, the impugned order of suspension is passed. The duly granted quarry cannot be suspended merely because of the opposition of the villagers.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the official respondents would submit that upon agitation and peace committee meeting contemplating further inception of violations, the suspension order has been passed.

4. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the newly impleaded private respondents, who are the villagers who opposed to the quarry would submit that they have brought forth several violations. The major violation is that when the quarry conditions categorically say that 50 metres safety distance from the Odai running in survey 219/ 5A should be left, no such distance is left as per the said condition and the same is violated. It is his

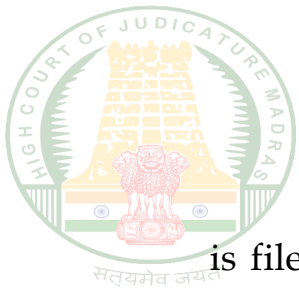


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further contention that when high tension towers are running through the land and there is a condition that 50 metres safety distance should be left around the towers, the same is also violated. It is further contention that there is a Kuraiyur Kanmani, which caters to the needs of the nearby villages. The powders and the other dust from the quarry are being dumped in the said Kanmai. This apart, he has also pointed out other violations.

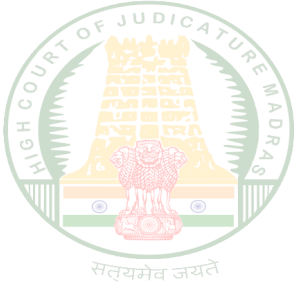
5. I have considered the rival submissions made on either side and perused the material records of the case.

6. As rightly contended by the learned senior counsel, if only there are any violations and further actions are being contemplated, there can be suspension of the license. In this case, even though the interim order of suspension alone is granted, it is seen that the authorities have so far not inspected the quarry with reference to the violations. If only an inspection is done and report



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is filed, final orders can be passed depending on the outcome of the inspection. In view thereof, the District Collector by himself or by deputing any responsible official not below the rank of Revenue Divisional Officer, along with the jurisdictional Assistant Director of Mining and Geology, shall conduct a joint inspection. The District Environmental Engineer from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and any responsible official from TANGEDCO/TANTRANSCO shall be present during the inspection and place their views On the date fixed for inspection, due notice shall be given to the petitioner, quarry owner, as also the respondents 5 to 13. They can be present at the time of inspection and place their views on record with reference to the violations which are mentioned. The authorities will also check for any other violation also. A thorough inspection shall be carried with reference to the quarry and a report be filed before this Court. The said exercise shall be completed and a report be filed on or before 30/3/2026.



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7. Post on 30/03/2026.

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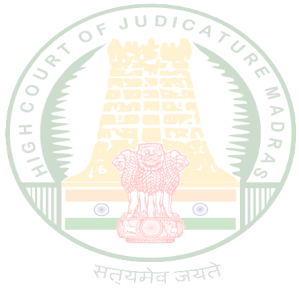
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