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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 11-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

WP(MD) NO. 35555 of 2025

Rajagopal
S/o.Thiraviam
No.2-217 Near Post Office
Rajakrishnapuram Levinjipuram
Tirunelveli District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Tirunelveli District
Tirunelveli.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Tirunelveli
Tirunelveli District.
3. The Tahsildar
Radhapuram Taluk
Tirunelveli District.
4. The Superintendent of Police
Tirunelveli District.
5. The Inspector of Police
Pazhavor Police Station
Tirunelveli District.

Respondent(s)

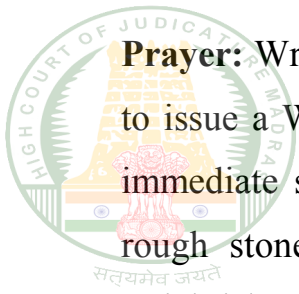
For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Suresh

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Thilak Kumar for R1 to R3

Government Pleader

Mr.K.Gnanasekaran for R4 and R5

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying the Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 5 herein to take immediate steps to prevent the movement of heavy and commercial vehicles transporting rough stones, M-sand and other quarry materials through the narrow village roads of Rajakrishnapuram and Madampillaitharmam villages, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, and to ensure that such vehicles use only the designated Tirunelveli - Nagercoil State Highway and Four way road by considering the petitioner's representation dated 02.09.2025.

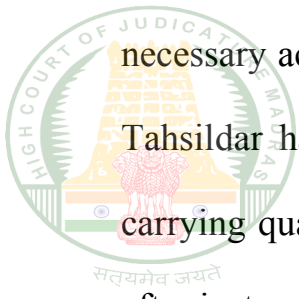
ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Dr.G.Jayachandran J.)

Public Interest Litigation is filed seeking mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 5 to take effective and immediate steps to prevent movement of heavy and commercial vehicles transporting rough stones, M-sand and other quarry materials through the narrow village roads of Rajakrishnapuram and Madampillaitharmam villages, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District.

2. Annexing photographs showing heavy vehicles leaving through the small village lane, the learned counsel for the petitioner states that illegal mining materials to evade scrutiny of the enforcement agency or in connivance with the enforcement agency are passing through the village when there is a national highway for them to transport the minerals. Hence, the present writ petition to take action on the representation dated 02.09.2025.

3. The learned Government Pleader produced a letter of the Tahsildar, Radhapuram dated 11.12.2025, wherein, he has stated that there are 18 quarries in Irukkanthurai Part I and II village and they are operating well within the regulations. Whenever there is any violations,



necessary action is taken and insofar as the vehicles passing through the petition, the Tahsildar has stated that in his enquiry, it is found that some of the vehicles, which are carrying quarry materials pass through the villages, are instructed to take the highways and after instruction, most of the vehicles are not using the village road. Further he has stated that every month, there is an inspection meeting headed by the District Collector, Revenue Divisional Officer and Tahsildars and according to his letter, there is no violation as mentioned by the petitioner. Therefore, sought for dismissal of the writ petition.

4. Court would have not taken any serious note of this communication, which is between the Tahsildar and the Government Pleader attached to the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. However, we are shocked to see the manner in which the letter was written suppressing the fact that still the villagers are suffering the menace of unnecessary traffic in their village by the transport of minerals and the failure to respond to the representation of the petitioner dated 02.09.2025. Therefore, we hereby direct the District Collector, Tirunelveli, Revenue Divisional Officer and the Tahsildar, who are the respondents 1 to 3, to file individual reports about the monthly inspection meeting held by them since September 2025 and the action taken against the violators with the date.

Post the matter on 19.01.2026.

(G.JAYACHANDRAN J.) (K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN J.)

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