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#### IN THE COURT OF THE SUBDIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE (SOUTH) AT VILLIANUR

*Present :* Thiru SHASHVAT SAURABH, I.A.S.,  
Subdivisional Magistrate (South).

**M.C. No. 39/2020**

**ORDER**

(UNDER SECTION 144 OF Cr. P.C./348)

Whereas, the Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry, has informed that illegal sand mining is being carried out through bullock cart by the villagers of Odiyampet and surrounding areas at R.S. No. 248/8 of Odiyampet Revenue Village belonging to Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry;

And whereas, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Villianur, has informed that illegal sand mining is being carried out on the banks of Sankaraparani River, through bullock cart by the villagers of Odiyampet, Manalipet, Kunichampet, Koodapakkam, Olavaikal and Sellipet at (i) R.S. No. 255 of Odiyampet Revenue Village, (ii) R.S. No. 42/4 of Manalipet Revenue Village, (iii) R.S. No. 1/1 of Kunichampet Revenue Village, (iv) R.S. Nos. 173/5, 169, 170/1, 147, 149 of Koodapakkam Revenue Village, (v) R.S. Nos. 92, 93, 96, 134 of Olavaikal Revenue Village, (vi) R.S. No. 76/11 of Sellipet Revenue Village, respectively;

And whereas, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Villianur, along with Revenue Officials, has made efforts to curb illegal sand mining by establishing 24\*7 Check Posts at Odiyampet and Pathukannu. Further, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Villianur, has also excavated deep ditches in the way which leads to the Government land adjacent to the river to prevent the bullock carts and other vehicles entering the Government land for illegal sand mining. Despite this, the people from the nearby Villages are entering into the land and mining sand illegally from the areas surrounding the Sankaraparani River belt and at the Government poramboke land at (i) R.S. No. 255 of Odiyampet Revenue Village, (ii) R.S. No. 248/8 of Odiyampet Revenue Village, (iii) R.S. No. 42/4 of Manalipet Revenue Village, (iv) R.S. No. 173/5 of Koodapakkam Revenue Village, (v) R.S. No. 134 of Olavaikal Revenue Village, (vi) R.S. No. 76/11 of Sellipet Revenue Village. This continued and indiscriminate illegal sand mining using bullock carts and other vehicles on daily basis have rendered the above-mentioned lands with numerous deep holes. These deep holes may prove to be fatal for the passersby especially during nights and rainy season;

And whereas, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Bahour, has informed that illegal sand mining is being carried out through bullock carts by the villagers of Soriyankuppam and surrounding areas near Thenpennai River and the Government poramboke land at R.S. No. 202 of Kuruvinatham Revenue Village;

And whereas, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Bahour, has made efforts to curb illegal sand mining by establishing 24\*7 Check Post at Periyar Nagar and at Thookanampakkam. Further, with the assistance of Public Works Department, the Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Bahour, has also established cattle traps and dug big grooves in the pathway to the river to stop the bullock carts entering for mining sand illegally. Despite this, the people from the nearby villages are entering into the land and mining sand illegally from the areas surrounding the Thenpennai River belt and at the Government poramboke land in R.S. No. 202 at Kuruvinatham Revenue Village. This continued and indiscriminate illegal sand mining using bullock carts and other vehicles on daily basis, unmindful of the safety concerns have damaged the said lands badly;

And whereas, in spite of regular raids made by the Revenue Officials and Police Officials the illegal sand mining activity could not be curtailed as the persons engaged in this activity are under the impression that it is their right to take sand. During raids, on seeing the Revenue Officials, the illegal sand miners would run away from the site. This has increasingly become a menace in this jurisdiction. Mining of sand in the Government lands cause irreparable damage to the land, affecting the environment, ecosystem and leads to depletion of ground water level. Hence, the Government land needs to be protected through strong measures;

And whereas, many complaints are being forwarded from 1031 helpline and Lieutenant-Governor Grievances Redressal Portal regarding illegal sand mining taking place at various places viz., Konerikuppam, Pillayarkuppam, Soriyankuppam, Kuruvinatham, Sellipet, Odiyampet, Kanuvapet, Manalipet villages surrounding the river belts of Sankaraparani and Thenpennai Rivers;

And whereas, recently, both the Revenue and Police Officials have reported many incidents of illegal sand mining in this jurisdiction. Moreover, many cases have been produced before the undersigned either for compounding or binding down for repeated offences under various sections of law;

And whereas, I am satisfied, based on the information placed before me and other facts which are available to me, the situation in the aforesaid lands is likely to cause a threat to the public safety, endangering the environment, thereby destroying ecosystem. I am of the opinion that there are sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as immediate prevention is imperative under the above-mentioned circumstances;

Now, therefore, based on the reasons stated above, I, Shashvat Saurabh, I.A.S., Subdivisional Magistrate (South), Villianur, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 144 of Cr.P.C. do hereby prohibit lorries, vans, two-wheelers, bullock carts and any other similar load carrying vehicles (except the vehicles relating to funeral) from entering into the areas surrounding the Sankaraparani and Thenpennai Rivers and the Government poramboke land, viz., (i) R.S. Nos. 255, 248 of Odiyampet Revenue Village, (ii) R.S. No. 42/4 of Manalipet Revenue Village, (iii) R.S. No. 1/1 of Kunichampet Revenue Village, (iv) R.S. Nos. 173/5, 169, 170/1, 147, 149 of Koodapakkam Revenue Village, (v) R.S. Nos. 92, 93, 96, 134 of Olavaikal Revenue Village, (vi) R.S. No. 76/11 of Sellipet Revenue Village, (vii) R.S. No. 202 of Kuruvinatham Revenue Village for a period of two months from the date of this order or until any further orders are passed by the competent authority revoking this prohibition as per law, whichever is earlier;

Any person contravening this order shall be punished under section 188 of IPC.

At Villianur, dated this 03rd day of January 2020.

**SHASHVAT SAURABH, I.A.S.,**  
Subdivisional Magistrate (South).

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