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## **‘Provide protection to activist under Witness Protection Scheme’**

Principal District Judge S. Sivakadatcham has ordered protection to Madurai-based activist M. Gnanasekaran of Vadipatti who was facing threat from quarry operators.

Gnanasekaran participated in protests against illegal quarry operations around Kachaikatti in Vadipatti. The PDJ ordered that protection be provided to the activist under the Witness Protection Scheme. He is a witness in the case.

The judge ordered regular patrolling around the house of the witness and also installation of security devices, including CCTV cameras and alarm. The judge ordered that escort be provided to the witness to and from court and to either provide a government vehicle or State-funded conveyance for hearing.

The judge instructed the witness to inform the police station concerned if he wants to go out of his village. The Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti, was directed to dispose of the case as expeditiously as possible.

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