



W.P.(MD)No.5176 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 20.03.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

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A.R.Santhanakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Executive Engineer,
Operation and Maintenance,
TANGEDCO,
Kumbakonam North,
Rajan Thotam Campus,
Kumbakonam.
2. The Superintending Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
Thanjavur Distribution Circle,
No.1, Vallam Road,
Thanjavur - 613 007.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to provide electricity supply by energizing connection Nos.482-017-9 & 482-017-6, for the agricultural lands in Survey No.57, No.9, Karuppur Village - 609 807, Thiruvudamaruthur Taluk, Thanjavur District, in a time bound manner.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M.Aarumugam
for M/s.Rank Associates

For Respondent : Mr.K.Nagarajan
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of mandamus seeking a direction to the first respondent / the Executive Engineer, Operation and Maintenance, TANGEDCO, Kumbakonam North, Kumbakonam to provide electricity supply by energizing connection Nos. 482-017-9& 482-017-6, for the agricultural lands in S.No.57, No.9, Karuppur Village, Thiruvidadamaruthur Taluk, Thanjavur District.

2. The petitioner, owns the aforementioned agricultural lands at Karuppur Village. He claims that there were separate electricity connections as stated above. They were damaged in the cyclone in Thanjavur District nearly about thirty years back. The entire lines got damaged beyond repairs. The Electricity Department had restored several of such damaged poles and had restored connection. However, the Electricity lines which provide



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connection to the lands of the petitioner were not restored. Thereafter, owing to drought conditions, agriculture activities could not be conducted. Subsequently, the situation has improved. There is water but there is no electricity to facilitate agriculture activities.

3. The petitioner had placed reliance on the electricity card that had been issued to him to show to the respondents that there is necessity to survey the land of the petitioner and provide electricity connection.

4. The respondents had rejected the claim of the petitioner by stating that the petitioner will have to pay charges if he seeks a new connection. If he seeks a connection immediately, he would have pay tatkal charges which would amount to Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only). It is also stated that the poles will have to be put up and expenses must be borne by the petitioner herein.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner however stated that the poles are not for the exclusive use of the petitioner, but for the general usage



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5. In view of the above reasons, the respondents may re-energize the aforementioned to the connection of the electricity. The respondents may not insist of tatkal charges alone. The respondents may not insist for charges for fresh electricity connection. If poles have to be put up, the petitioner may contribute. Since the petitioner seeks a relief beyond three decades and he must contribute for the expenses incurred by the respondents herein. A direction is given to the respondents to re-energize the electricity connection within a period of sixteen weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above observations, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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NCC: Yes / No
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Speaking Order : Yes / No

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