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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 2696 of 2026

and

WMP.No.2943 of 2026

Kanchi M.Manoharan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to Government
Energy Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Chairman cum Managing Director
TANGEDCO/Tamilnadu Power Distribution
corporation Ltd,
NPKRR Maaligai,
144, Anna salai,
chennai-600 002.
3. The Superitnending Engineer
Kanchi Electricity Distribution circle
TANGEDCO/TNPDCL
Kanchipuram District



4. The Executive Engineer

Walajabad Division,
Kanchi Electricity Distribution Circle
TANGEDCO/TNPDCL,
Kanchipuram District.

5. The District collector

Kanchipuram District, Kanchipuram.

6. Uthukadu village Panchayat

Walajabad Taluk
Kanchipuram District-631 605.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioners representation dated 24.7.2025 by conducting a proper and lawful assessment of unauthorised tapping of electricity by the 6th respondent for streetlights erected in Uthukadu village Panchayat, in accordance with law.

For Petitioner(s): M/S.Harshvardan R

For Respondent(s): Mr.Yogesh Kannadasan, SGP For R1 and R5 ;
Mr.L.Jaivenkatesh for R2 to R4



ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for the following reliefs:

“directing the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioners representation dated 24.7.2025 by conducting a proper and lawful assessment of unauthorised tapping of electricity by the 6th respondent for streetlights erected in Uthukadu village Panchayat, in accordance with law.

2. The main grievance of the Petitioner is that, despite submitting several complaints regarding the erection of streetlights without proper service connections and their being powered through unauthorized tapping of electricity directly from distribution poles in localities including J.S. Nagar, Dr. Detroy City, and Vijaya Garden, and despite submitting a representation dated 24.07.2025 regarding the same issue, which was forwarded by the 1st respondent to the 2nd respondent on 08.08.2025 with a direction to dispose of the same within a period of 30 days, the same has not been disposed of to date. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

4. It is seen that though the 1st respondent had issued a direction to the 2nd respondent as early as 08.08.2025 to dispose of the petitioner's representation within 30 days, the same has not been disposed of to date. Hence,



the Writ Petition is allowed and the 2nd respondent is directed to dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 24.07.2025 within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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