

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.05.2017

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.KALYANASUNDARAM

W.P Nos.12263 of 2017

S.J.L.T. Textiles (P) Ltd.,
HTSC No.203

Karukudi,

Thathangayarpet, Musiri Taluk,
Trichy

Repd. its Authorized Signatory M.Sundram

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited,
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

2.The Superintending Engineer,
Trichy Electricity Distribution Circle,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO),
Trichy - 20.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to permit the petitioner to pay the Additional Security Deposit of Rs.1,61,86,603/- alone in 10 equal monthly instalments along with the regular current consumption charges.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.S.Pandiyaraj

For Respondents : Mr.S.K.Rameshuwar

Standing Counsel [TNEB]

ORDER

By consent of the parties, the main writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner is a private limited company registered under the Companies Act having HT Service Connection bearing No.203 from the second respondent for the purpose of manufacturing yarn products. The second respondent, by letter

dated 10.04.2017, demanded additional security deposit of Rs.1,61,86,603/- in one lumpsum, over and above the existing Security Deposit (CCD) amount of Rs.1,10,75,047/-. Hence, the petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking a direction to the second respondent to permit him to pay the demanded additional security deposit in ten equal monthly instalments.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner had brought to the notice of this Court that in a similar case in W.P.No.11502 of 2017, this Court vide order dated 05.5.2017, has granted relief to the petitioner therein and hence, he prays a similar direction may be issued in this writ petition as well.

4. Mr.S.K.Rameshuwar, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents would submit that upon request of the petitioner, the Electricity Board itself had granted permission to the petitioner to pay the demanded additional security deposit in three instalments. But the petitioner, instead of approaching the second respondent, had approached this Court straightaway by way of this Writ Petition.

5. Heard Mr.R.S.Pandiyaraj, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.S.K.Rameshuwar, learned Standing Counsel who accepts notice for the respondents, and perused the materials placed on record.

6. As the relief sought for by the petitioner is covered by the decision rendered by this Court in a similar case in W.P.No.11502 of 2017 dated 05.5.2017, wherein following directions were issued, and this Court is of the view that the present Writ Petition shall also be disposed of on the similar terms and conditions :

"4. In an identical situation, this Court in W.P.No.15431 of 2015 dated 02.06.2015, following the Division Bench judgment of this Court in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Vs. Mani Spinning Mills (P) Limited, reported in CDJ 2012 MHC 4380 [W.A. (MD) Nos.407 to 412 of 2012 dated 02.08.2012] permitted the petitioner therein to pay the additional security deposit in six equal monthly instalments along with regular current consumption charges. Since the issue involved in this case is an identical one and the payment is also with respect to additional security deposit, following the above said judgment, this Court is inclined to grant the relief to the petitioner to pay the additional security deposit in six equal monthly instalments.

5. In the result, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to pay the additional security deposit of Rs.1,02,93,199/- in six equal monthly instalments along with regular current

consumption charges, commencing from 1st week of June 2017, failing which, it is open to the respondents to initiate appropriate action, in accordance with law. No costs."

7. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to pay the additional security deposit of Rs.1,61,86,603/- in six equal monthly instalments along with regular current consumption charges, commencing from 1st week of June 2017, failing which, it is open to the respondents to initiate appropriate action, in accordance with law. No costs.

Sd/-
Asst.Registrar

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Sub Asst. Registrar

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To:

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+3ccs to Mr.R.S. Pandiyaraj, Advocate Sr. 37071
in W.P. 12262 to 12264

+1cc to Mr.S.K.Rameshuwar, Advocate Sr. 37158

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