

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT****DATED: 20.07.2018****CORAM:****THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH****W.P. (MD) No.15820 of 2018****WEB COPY**

VS.R.Shanmugam

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Chief Engineer (Distribution)
TANGEDCO,
Madurai Region,
K.Pudur,
Madurai-625 007.

2. The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Town/TANGEDCO,
Oddanchatram-624 619,
Dindigul District.

3. The Assistant Engineer,
Town / TANGEDCO,
Oddanchatram-624 619,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the respondent 2 to consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 01.12.2017 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Louis

For Respondents : Mr.S.M.S.Johny Basha

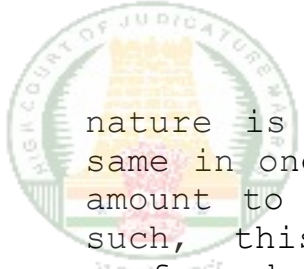
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Mr.S.M.S.Johny Basha, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for the respondents.

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

3. It is the grievance of the petitioner that his representation dated 01.12.2017, seeking to generate Electricity Bill regularly, has not been considered by the third respondent till date and therefore, he has filed the present writ petition.

4. This Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the merits of the representation made by the petitioner. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this



nature is made, the respondents are duty bound to consider the same in one way or the other. Non-consideration of the same would amount to dereliction of ordinary duties of their office and as such, this Court would be justified in invoking its powers conferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to direct them to consider the petitioner's representation within a stipulated time.

5. In view of the limited prayer sought for in this writ petition, there shall be a direction to the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.12.2017 on its own merits and take further action in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Such an exercise shall be done after giving due opportunity to the petitioner and any other persons who may be interested in the subject matter.

6. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Crl.side)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+1cc to Mr.S.Louis, Advocate SR.No.74080

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