

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS  
DATED : 30.01.2019  
CORAM  
THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM  
W.P.No.6638 of 2017  
and  
MP.No. 7137 of 2017

R.Senthil Kumar

..Petitioner

vs

1.The District Collector,  
Tiruppur District,  
Tiruppur.

2.The Superintendent Engineer,  
General Construction Circle,  
TANTRANSCO,  
Dr.Subbarayan Road,  
Tatabad, Coimbatore-12.

3.The Executive Engineer,  
General Construction Circle,  
TANTRANSCO,  
Ellamedu, Ingur,  
Perundurai Taluk,  
Erode District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from erecting, drawing any High Tension Electricity Towers or Lines in the Petitioner's Agricultural Lands measuring Acres 6.22 Cents, bearing S.F.Nos.221/A 2, 222, 223/2 & 223/4 of Perumanallur Village, Avinashi Taluk, Tiruppur District, until the strict compliance of the Sections 10 & 16 of the Indian Telegraphic Act, 1885 r/w Sections 68 & 164 of the Indian Electricity Act, 2003.

For Petitioner :Mr.V.LakshmiNarayanan  
for M/s.Va Vu Si Vazhakagam  
For Respondents : Mrs.R.Janaki  
Additional Government Pleader for R1  
: Mr. Abdul Saleem for R2 and R3

O R D E R

The relief sought for in the present writ petition is to forbear the respondents from erecting, drawing any High Tension Electricity Towers or Lines in the Petitioner's Agricultural Lands measuring Acres 6.22 Cents, bearing S.F.Nos.221/A 2, 222, 223/2 & 223/4 of Perumanallur Village, Avinashi Taluk, Tiruppur District.

2. The grievances of the writ petitioner is that the project for erecting High Tension electricity tower is proposed in respect of the agriculture land belongs to the writ petitioner. In this regard, the writ petitioner has submitted an objections/explanations to the District Collector concerned, for conducting an enquiry and to consider the case of the writ petitioner. However, the District Collector has not yet passed an order by conducting an enquiry.

3. Under the provisions of the Works of Licensees Rules, 2006, the District Magistrate/District Collector is empowered to conduct an enquiry and pass orders granting permission to enter in to the agricultural lands in favour of the licensees or otherwise for the purpose of erecting High Tension electric towers. In view of the rules cited supra, the District Collector has to conduct an enquiry and pass orders on merits.

4. In view of the matter, the first respondent/District Collector, Tiruppur District is directed to consider the objections/explanations submitted by the writ petitioner by conducting an enquiry and affording an opportunity to the writ petitioner and to all other parties and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of 4 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Assistant Registrar (CS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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