

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.09.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.No.12890 of 2020

ARS Steels and Alloy International P Limited,
Represented by its Deputy Director – Finance,
39-52, EPIP 1/S SIPCOT INDL Complex,
Gummidipoondi.

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
Rep. by its Chairman,
NPKRR Maaligai,
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai 600 002.

2. The Superintending Engineer,
CEDC/North,
Chennai 600 002.

...Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, seeking Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st and 2nd respondent to permit the petitioner to pay the Additional Security Deposit of Rs.1,38,51,450/- alone, over and above the existing deposit of Rs.1,50,91,970/- as demanded in the 2nd respondent in the letter dated 17.08.2020 bearing Lr.No.SE/CHENNAINORTH/EDC/DFC/AO/AS/HTSC/No.019094041902/D.No./20 in ten(10) equal monthly instalments along with the regular current consumption charges and pass orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.Rahul Balaji

For Respondents : Mr.K.Parameshwaran, for R1
Standing Counsel

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to consider the request made by the petitioner, wherein, the petitioner has requested for payment of Additional Security Deposit in ten (10) equal monthly instalments.

2.The petitioner is having a HT service connection. As per the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, 2004, the Security Deposit will be revised every year under Regulation 5(5). Accordingly, the second respondent has revised the Security Deposit and has informed the petitioner through his letter dated 17.08.2020 to pay the Additional Security Deposit/Additional Current Consumption Deposit of Rs. 1,38,51,450/- over and above the existing deposit in one lumpsum. If this amount is not paid by the petitioner, the electricity supply will stand disconnected.

3.The petitioner had stated that due to the current situation and severe financial constraints, the petitioner is not in a position to pay the entire Additional Security Deposit in one lumpsum. The petitioner has therefore made several requests to the respondents to permit the petitioner to pay the Additional Security Deposit in 10 equal monthly instalments. Since it was not acted upon, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court seeking for appropriate direction.

4.Heard Mr.Rahul Balaji, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr.K.Parameshwaran, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the 1st respondent.

5.It is seen from the records that similar such request has been entertained by this Court and this Court considering the facts and circumstances of the case, has permitted the consumer to pay the Additional Security Deposit in 10 instalments. Useful reference can be made to the order of this Court in W.P.No.10947 of 2017 and W.P.No.11686 of 2018.

6.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the present situation that is prevailing, there shall be a direction to the petitioner to pay the Additional Security Deposit claimed by the second respondent in six (6) equal monthly instalments and the first instalment shall be paid on or before 21.09.2020. If in case, the petitioner defaults in making the payment, it is always open to the respondents to initiate appropriate action in accordance with law.

7.This writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

Sd/-

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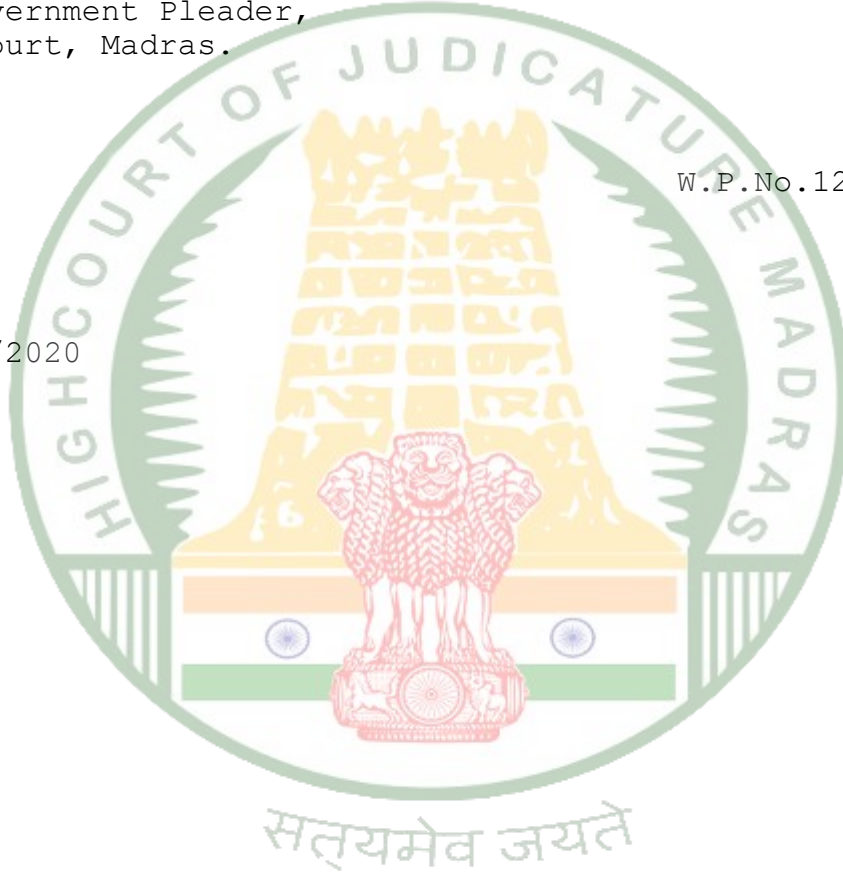
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To

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2. The Superintending Engineer,
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Chennai 600 002.
3. The Government Pleader,
High Court, Madras.

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