

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.11.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.No.15954 of 2020

SKT Blue Metals,
HTSC No.361,
Gobinathapuram, Sakkarai Chettipatti Post,
Omalar Taluk, Salem-636 305,
Rep. By its Authorised signatory,
Mr.K.Venkatachalam. ... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chairman
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited, (TANGEDCO),
No.144, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.

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

...Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, seeking Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st and 2nd respondents to permit the petitioner to pay the Additional Security Deposit of Rs.5,03,422/- alone in 10 equal monthly instalments along with the regular current consumption charges.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.S.Pandiyaraj
For Respondents : Mr.N.Damodharan,

Standing Counsel

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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 / Additional current consumption deposit amount

in 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 22.07.2020 to pay the Additional Security Deposit / Additional current consumption deposit of Rs.5,03,422/- over and above the existing deposit in one lump sum. 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 / Additional current consumption deposit in one lump sum. The petitioner has therefore made a representation on 28.09.2020 to the respondents to permit the petitioner to pay the Additional Security Deposit/ Additional current consumption deposit in six 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.R.S.Pandiyaraj, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr.N.Damodharan, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents.

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 six 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 / Additional current consumption deposit claimed by the second respondent in six equal monthly instalments and the first instalment shall be paid on or before 23.11.2020. 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.The writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Chairman

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2.The Superintending Engineer,

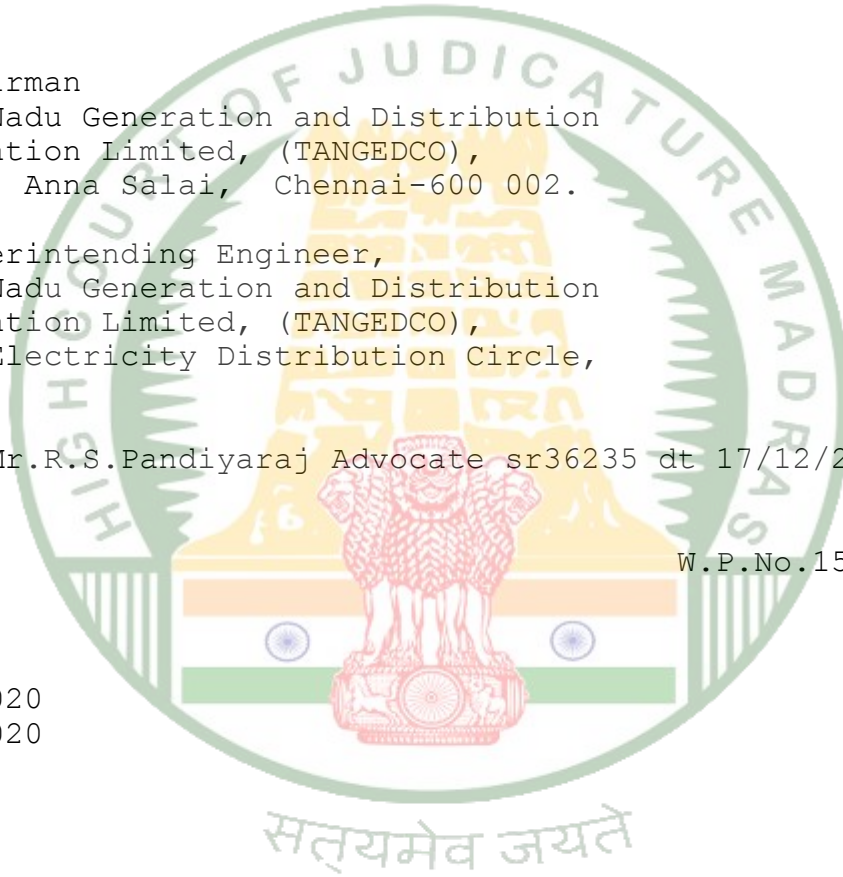
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+1 cc to Mr.R.S.Pandiyaraj Advocate sr36235 dt 17/12/2020

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