



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 08.09.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.11086 of 2020

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.9713 of 2020

S.R.Harish Manikandan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Tamil Nadu Generation and
Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO),
Rep. by its Chairman,
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

2. The Assistant Executive Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
Thirupalai Region,
Madurai District.

3. The Assistant Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
Thirupalai Region,
Madurai District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to take necessary steps to rectify the circumstances leading to the extravagant electricity charges upon the petitioner run Hostel in Connection No.015-028-819, and repay the extra charges collected from February 2019 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 30.06.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Ragatheesh Kumar

For Respondents : Mrs.S.Srimathy

For Mr.S.M.S.Johnny Basha

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Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents.

2.The petitioner is running a girls hostel. It is having electricity service connection. The petitioner alleges that the meter is not functioning properly. According to him, there



appears to be some fault some where in the system. As a result, the petitioner is being levied with extra charges. According to the petitioner's counsel, the charges demanded in the recent times do not reflect his actual consumption. Therefore, the petitioner has given a representation dated 30.06.2020 in this regard.

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3. Whenever a complaint of this nature is received, it is the duty of the third respondent to look into the same as per their norms and procedures. The third respondent is directed to enquire into the petitioner's complaint and take appropriate action. The third respondent will intimate the petitioner by a speaking order the results of his inspection and enquiry. If the petitioner is still aggrieved, it is always open to the petitioner to move the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum. It is headed by an officer holding the rank of Superintending Engineer. The third respondent is directed to conclude the entire exercise within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.H. THAYUMANASWAMY, Advocate (SR-16280[F]
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