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W.P.(MD)No.12241 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.09.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P. (MD)No.12241 of 2020

and

W.M.P. (MD)No.10499 of 2020

A.Anwhar Raajhaa

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Superintending Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited,
Ramanathapuram Electricity Distribution Circle,
Ramanathapuram.

2.The Assistant Engineer (Distribution),
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited,
Utchipuli, Ramanathapuram District.

3.The Electrical Inspector,
Public Works Department,
Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 and 2 to replace the meter fixed in Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. Teacher Training Institute, Kalkinatraivalasai, Ramanathapuram District with a new one and send the old meter to the third respondent and direct him to test the meter fixed in the electricity service connection bearing No.05-309-001-505.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Barathan
for Mr.T.R.Jeyapalam

For Respondents : Mrs.M.Rajeswari
for Mr.S.M.S.Johnny Basha
Standing Counsel

O R D E R

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents. By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2.The writ petitioner is the correspondent of the petition mentioned institution. It is enjoying electricity service

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connection. The case of the petitioner is that on account of some defect in the meter, the meter reading had shown exorbitant consumption during the month of March 2020. The petitioner complained to the authorities that the meter is defective. The grievance of the petitioner is that without conducting a proper test, the authorities have taken a mechanical stand that the meter is in a good condition.

3.The petitioner now wants two reliefs from this Court. Firstly, he wants the existing meter to be changed. The second relief is that the defective meter should be sent for second testing.

4.I am of the view that no exception can be taken to the said request. But then, the learned Standing Counsel would point out that the petitioner has to bear the charges.

5.The learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, states that the petitioner would bear the charges.

6.Recording the said submission, I direct the respondents to replace the existing meter with a new one. The disputed meter would be sent for testing to the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Chennai without any delay. It is open to the second respondent to raise the bill for both the requests of the petitioner and the same will be complied with without any delay.

7.The writ petition is allowed on these terms. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to Mr.T.R. JEYAPALAM, Advocate (SR-18009[F] dated
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