



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 07.10.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **ABDUL QUDDHOSE**

**W.P. (MD)No.13904 of 2020**

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M/s. Sri Alagumalai Industries,  
F9, SIPCOT, Manam  
Sivagangai District,  
Represented by its Manager,  
S.Shanmuga Raja

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintending Engineer,  
TNEB/TANGEDCO,  
Sivagangai Electricity Distribution Circle,  
Sivagangai-630 562.

2. The Chairman,  
TANGEDCO,  
No.800, Anna Salai,  
Chennai-600 002.

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to permit the petitioner's Company having High Tension Service Connection No.155 to pay the arrears of consumption charges, arrears of additional security deposit along with monthly minimum charges, reconnection charges with belated payment surcharge in twelve monthly instalments, by considering the representation dated 14.08.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Prasath Kumar

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

**ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus seeking for a direction to the respondents to restore the petitioner's High Tension Service Connection No.155 by paying the arrears of consumption charges, arrears of additional security deposit along with monthly minimum charges, reconnection charges with belated payment surcharges in twelve monthly instalments.



2. By consent of both parties, the main Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. According to the petitioner, the aforesaid High Tension service connection was disconnected by the respondents due to non payment of aforementioned charges to the respondents in the year 2018. Subsequent to the disconnection, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing W.P.(MD).Nos.17560 and 17561 of 2018 as well as W.P.(MD).No.5876 of 2019. In all those cases, directions were issued to permit the petitioner to pay the arrears of electricity charges and other charges to the respondents in instalments.

4. The learned Standing counsel appearing for the respondents submits that despite orders granted by this Court in W.P.(MD).Nos.17560 and 17561 of 2018 as well as W.P.(MD).No.5876 of 2019, permitting the petitioner to pay the arrears of charges in instalments, the petitioner has failed to comply with the same. According to her, once again, the petitioner has approached for the same relief and therefore, the respondents rejected the said request and the impugned communication was sent to the petitioner on 04.03.2020. According to the respondents, the petitioner is not entitled for any more indulgence by this Court.

5. Anyway, this Court is of the considered view that no prejudice will be caused to the respondents, if the representation dated 14.08.2020 given by the petitioner, seeking payment of the arrears of consumption charges, arrears of additional security deposit along with monthly minimum charges, reconnection charges with belated payment surcharges in twelve monthly instalments, is considered by the respondents, after giving due consideration to the petitioner's industry and reason for the delay in making the payment. The respondents shall consider the representation dated 14.08.2020 of the petitioner and pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the aforesaid direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

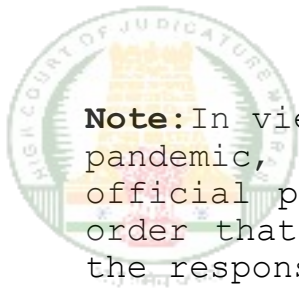
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+1 CC to M/s.G. PRASANTH KUMAR, Advocate SR-19373.

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