



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.07.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.R. SWAMINATHAN

W.P. (MD) No. 20418 of 2018

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... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintending Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Dindigul,
Dindigul District.

2. The Assistant Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board,
Kurumbapatti,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India Praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to restore the petitioner's service connection in Kurumbapatti Electric Distribution Number in 225-001-652, with regard to the petitioner's agricultural lands in Survey No. 557/5B, 557/6 and 557/4, situated Marunoothu Village, Dindigul East Taluk, Dindigul District and further direct the respondent to change the petitioner's service connection as free agricultural electric service connection based on the petitioner's representation dated 29.08.2018.

For Petitioner : Mr. G. Gomathi Sankar
For R-1 & R-2 : Ms. M. Rajeswari
for Mr. S. M. S. Johny Basha

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents.

2. The petitioner is alleged to have committed theft of electricity. Therefore, he was visited with penalty. Since the petitioner did not pay the assessed amount, his service connection was also disconnected. The petitioner seeks restoration of his service connection.

3. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that since the petitioner had subsequently remitted the amount in question, his service connection has already been restored. Therefore, this part of the Writ Petition has become infructuous.



3. However, the petitioner also seeks conversion of his service connection as a free agricultural electric service connection. In this regard, the petitioner has given a representation dated 29.08.2018. The petitioner's counsel also states that he had also formally registered his application also. Therefore, the respondents are directed to consider the petitioner's application on merits and as per law as expeditiously as possible.

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

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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