

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.04.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN

W.P. No. 9839 of 2021

R.Lakshmi

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO)
Represented by its Chief Engineer
Villupuram Circle, Villupuram.

2. The Executive Engineer
Operations and Management
TANGEDCO
Kadamangalam.

3. The Assistant Executive Engineer
Operations and Management
TANGEDCO
Tiruchitrambalam
Kadamangalam Taluk
Villupuram District.

4. Palaniraj Chettiar

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Third Respondent to provide agricultural electricity connection to the Petitioner's lands at Survey No. 30/9B, Thuruvai Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District under the special priority program as per the order 686/A13/015/17-18 dated 31.08.2017.

For Petitioner : Mr. Govind Chandrasekhar

For Respondents : Mr. M.Varun Kumar (For R1 to R3)
Standing Counsel

O R D E R

Mr.M.Varun Kumar, learned standing counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. By consent, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal, at the admission stage itself.

2.This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction to the third respondent to provide agricultural electricity connection to the Petitioner's land in Survey No.30/9B, Thuruvai Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District under the special priority program as per the order No.686/A13/015/17-18 dated 31.08.2017.

3. The case of the Petitioner is that she is the absolute owner of the subject land by way of sale deed dated 01.01.1990 bearing Doc.No.30 of 1990. She submitted an application dated 02.03.1992 to the Executive Engineer (O&M), TNEB, Cuddalore requesting to provide electricity service connection for agricultural pump sets functioning at 15HP within the subject land. On receipt of the same, the Executive Engineer directed the third respondent to take necessary steps. Accordingly, the Village Administrative officer issued a certificate of ownership dated 02.03.2015. Consequently, the petitioner's application was accepted vide order in 686/A13/015/17-18 dated 31.08.2017. Subsequently, when the workmen from TNEB visited the subject land on 21.03.2018 to fix and provide agricultural electricity connection, they were prevented from laying the requisite groundwork, lines and poles by the adjacent owners, viz., Palaniraj Chettiar and Govindaraj Gounder and hence, the Petitioner was informed by a letter dated 30.08.2018 that the permission and consent of those persons were required for provision of agricultural electricity supply to the subject land, to which, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 29.01.2020 to the third Respondent. However, she has not received any reply, till date. Hence, this Writ Petition.

4.Today, when the matter was taken up, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that it would suffice, if the representation of the petitioner dated 29.01.2020 is directed to be disposed of by the respondents, within a time frame to be stipulated by this Court, for which, the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents has no serious objection.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 29.01.2020 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after affording opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner as well as any other interested parties, within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of

receipt of a copy of this order.

6.This Writ Petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS-IX)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. Chief Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO)
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