



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.06.2021

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

W.P. No.12819 of 2021

ATC Telecom Infrastructure Pvt.Ltd.,
Represented by Authorized Signatory
N.Senathipathi,
"Celestial Point", No.45, Damodharan Street,
T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017.

... Petitioner

Versus

1.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
District Collector Office,
Krishnagiri - 635001.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
District Police Office,
Krishnagiri - 635001.

3.The State,
Rep.by Inspector of Police (Law & Order),
Krishnagiri Taluk Police Station,
Krishnagiri,
Krishnagiri District -635002.

...Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 Constitution of India, to issue Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 2 to 3, to forthwith provide effective police protection to the petitioner's company to fully complete the erection of transmission cell phone tower and to install all the telecommunication electrical and electronic equipments, cables at the open land admeasuring about 900 sq.ft (30 x 30) out of the total land measuring about more or less 1980 ½ Sq.ft. Situated and or comprised in Survey No.208/1, Re-Survey No.208/1B8, Patta No.551, Kattikanappalli village, Krishnagiri Joint II SRO, Krishnagiri Registration Dist., Krishnagiri T.K., Krishnagiri District on the basis of the complaint filed by the petitioner dated 05.04.2021, since the deemed permission to install the BTS transmission Tower was granted by the first respondent as per the G.O.(Ms).No.1, Information Technology (B4) Department dated 21.02.2018, by implementing the Indian Telegraph Right of way Rules, 2016, notified by the Government



4.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the issue involved in this petition is covered by the earlier Judgments of this Court. The learned counsel brought to the notice of this Court the order passed by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.16618 of 2018 dt.28.06.2018.

5.It will be appropriate to extract the relevant portions of the order in Crl.O.P.No.16618 of 2018, which is extracted hereunder:-

"2.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner's company had the contract agreement for installation of cell phone tower with M/s.Indus Towers Limited, a company registered under the provisions of Indian Companies Act, 1956. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that whenever the petitioner's company attempted to erect transmission cell phone tower, publics are causing interference. The learned counsel for the petitioner also submitted that by order dated 05.03.2015, the Honourable First Bench of this Court, in W.P.Nos.24976 of 2008 and etc., batch, held that because of the advancement in the science, no one has prevented to erect cell phone towers. It is also submitted that the petitioner has given a complaint dated 24.02.2016 to the first respondent police seeking police protection, for which C.S.R.No.42 of 2016 and since the same has not been considered so far, he has come up with the present petition for the relief stated supra.

3.Heard the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent.

4.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner is directed to send a fresh representation to the respondent and on receipt of the same, the respondent is directed to consider the representation to be submitted by the petitioner and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

5.With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of."



6.This Court has consistently taken the view that no one can be prevented from erecting the cell phone towers on a mere apprehension about the effect of radiation from the cell phone tower. The apprehension does not have a scientific backing. Till a positive finding is given in this regard, cell phone towers cannot be prevented to be installed on mere apprehensions.

7.For the reasons stated above, there shall be a direction to the third respondent police to provide police protection to the petitioner for erection of the cell phone tower. The third respondent police shall ensure that the entire process goes on in a smooth manner, without giving raise to any law and order problem.

8. This writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
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