



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.2903 of 2021

S.Arumugam

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board,
No.144, Anna Salai,
N.P.K.R.R.Maligai,
Chennai-600 002.

2.The Chief Engineer (Personnel),
TANGEDCO,
No.144, Anna Salai,
N.P.K.R.R.Maligai,
Chennai-600 002.

3.The Superintending Engineer,
Tirunelveli Electricity Distribution Circle,
TANGEDCO,
No.131, Ettayapuram Road,
Thoothukudi District-11.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent No.2 to provide appointment order to the petitioner as per the results published by the second respondent on May 2020 in the physical and written test for direct recruitment to the post of Gangman (Trainee) by considering the petitioner's representation dated 30.01.2021 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.I.Pinaygash

For Respondents : M/s.P.Malini
for Mr.T.S.Gopalan

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By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2.Since the petitioner's request to the respondents to provide appointment order to him as per the results published by the second respondent on May 2020 in the physical and written test for direct recruitment to the post of Gangman (Trainee) was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this regard on 30.01.2021, which is still pending.



3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4. In the light of the above observations, it would be appropriate to direct the second respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 30.01.2021, within a stipulated time and thereby the ends of justice could be secured. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. Accordingly, there shall be a direction to the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 30.01.2021, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

NOTE:

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To

The Chief Engineer (Personnel),
TANGEDCO,

No.144, Anna Salai, N.P.K.R.R.Maligai, Chennai-600 002.

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