



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **24.03.2021**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **M.S.RAMESH**

W.P. (MD) No.6686 of 2021

and

W.M.P. (MD) No.5157 of 2021

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K.Chinnappa

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chief Engineer,
TANGEDCO (TNEB Personal),
144, Annasalai,
Chennai-2.

2.The Superintending Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
Trichy Electricity Distribution Circle (Metro),
Mannarpuram,
Trichy -20.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to promote the petitioner as Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical) on par with his immediate junior by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 25.02.2021 within a stipulated time that may fixed by this Court.

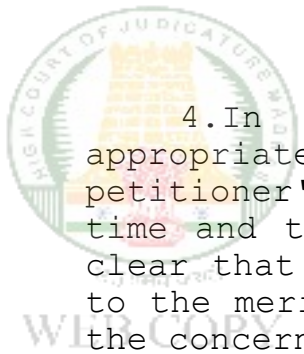
For Petitioner : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
For Respondents : Mr.T.Sakthi Kumaran

ORDER

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 promote him as Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), was not considered, the writ petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this regard on 25.02.2021, 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 1st respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.02.2021, 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 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.02.2021, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6.With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar ()

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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1 CC to M/s.S.C.HEROLD SINGH, Advocate (SR-13472[F] dated 25/03/2021)

+1 CC to M/s.T.SAKTHI KUMARAN, Advocate (SR-13640[F] dated 25/03/2021)

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