



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 12.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.15743 of 2020

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The Superintending Engineer,
Virudhunagar Electricity Distribution Circle,
TANGEDCO,
Virudhunagar Town & District.

2.The Executive Engineer (Distribution),
TANGEDCO,
Kottaipatti, Srivilliputtur Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

3.The Assistant Engineer (Operation & Maintenance),
TANGEDCO, Valaiyapatti,
Srivilliputtur Taluk,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to provide EB Service Connection under Tariff 3A1 to the petitioner's agricultural land situated in S.No.328/1A of Pattakulam Sallipatti Village, Srivilliputtur Taluk.

For Petitioner	: Mr.M.Thirunavukkarasu
For Respondents	: Ms.M.Parameswari
	for Mr.S.M.S.Johny Basha

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents.

2.The petitioner is an agriculturist. He initially wanted the provision of electricity supply under the free scheme. He was informed by the respondents that the petitioner could as well apply under Tariff 3A1. The petitioner accepted the said suggestion and applied on that basis. Even though the petitioner was ready to comply with all the formalities, the respondents did not provide him the electricity supply connection. When the petitioner wanted to



know the reason, he was informed that since the work of providing electricity supply would be difficult and tough, they were not in a position to take up the petitioner's application for consideration. Questioning the same, this Writ Petition has been filed.

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3.I must express my surprise over the stand taken by the then Executive Engineer. No governmental authority can decline to render service to the citizen by citing difficulties. In fact, we are expected to walk the extra mile, so that, the citizens will be able to reap the benefits of the scheme announced by the Government.

4.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Standing Counsel fairly informed the Court that the present Executive Engineer is ready to do the needful, so as to redress the grievance of the petitioner. The petitioner is also ready to comply with the usual formalities.

5.Recording the submission made by the learned counsel on either side, I direct the respondents to complete the exercise of providing electricity service connection to the petitioner herein within a period of ten weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6.The Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.M.THIRUNAVUKKARASU, Advocate (SR-4997
[F] dated 15/02/2021)

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