



W.P.(MD) No.18420 of 2022

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DATED : 16.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

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... Petitioner

Vs.

**1.The Chief Engineer/Personnel
Tamilnadu Generation and Electricity
Distribution Corporation Ltd.,
144, Annasalai, Chennai – 2.**

**2.The Superintending Engineer,
Tamilnadu Generation and Electricity
Distribution Corporation Ltd.,
Kanniyakumari Electricity Distribution Circle,
Nagercoil – 3.**

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to dispose off petitioner's representation, dated 31.01.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Thangasamy

**For Respondents : Mr.S.Arivalagan
Standing Counsel**



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ORDER

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

2. The petitioner herein had sent a representation to the respondents on 31.01.2022 seeking the service and monetary benefits from the date of the orders of the Authority conferring permanent status to the petitioner. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

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.



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4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the second respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 31.01.2022 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views 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. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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M.S.RAMESH,J.

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