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W.P.No.6380 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **01.03.2023**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

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M/s.Lishanth Pet Industries
S F.No.47/4B, D.No.1/364-5
S.S.Nagar, Pappinaickenpatty
Karangalpalayam Post
Namakkal-637 003

Rep. by its Authorized Signatory S.Sakthi ... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Chairman
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd
144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.

2.Chief Engineer
Non Conventional Energy Sources
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd
144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.

3.The Superintending Engineer
Non-Conventional Energy Sources, TANGEDCO,
Udumalpet Electricity Distribution Circle
Udumalpet

4.The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO, Namakkal Electricity Distribution Circle
Namakkal. ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the Respondents and their men, agents from collecting current consumption charges demand charges and any arrears from the petitioners HTSC

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No.049094370400 till the entire outstanding dues of Rs.10,00,000/- payable to the petitioner along with interest towards refundable security deposit in the account of the petitioner's Solar Power Plant HTSC No.069514430052 is paid or given adjustment in the current consumption charges payable by the petitioner till the entire amount is adjusted.

For the Petitioner : Mr.S.Lakshmipathy

For the Respondents : Mr.S.Kalaiselvan,
for TANGEDCO

ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of Mandamus seeking a direction against the respondents forbearing them from collecting current consumption charges, demand charges and any arrears from the petitioner's HTSC No. 049094370400 till the entire outstanding dues of Rs.10,00,000/- payable to the petitioner along with interest towards refundable security deposit in the account of the petitioner's Solar Power Plant HTSC No. 069514430052 is paid or given adjustment in the current consumption charges payable by the petitioner till the entire amount is adjusted.

2. In the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition, it had been stated that the petitioner has a Solar Power Plant bearing Solar HTSC No. 069514430052 It is under the jurisdiction of the fourth respondent / the Superintending Engineer, TANGEDCO, Namakkal. It



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is stated that electricity is produced from the Solar Power Plant. The said electricity is also supplied to the respondents. It is stated that the petitioner had applied by letter for establishment of the said Solar Power Plant. Security Deposit of Rs.10,00,000/- was paid by the petitioner. The plant was also commissioned. This was also informed. The petitioner claims refund of the refundable Security Deposit of Rs.10,00,000/- paid. It is stated that the respondents had not refunded the amount. The respondent has been collecting the current consumption charges and had also demanded charges and arrears from the petitioner herein. The petitioner seeks adjustment of the refundable Security Deposit with the current consumption charges.

3. I am informed that there are several orders by learned Single Judges of this Court passed in this regard. A perusal of the same reveals that directions have been given to adjust the refundable Security Deposit, in this case, Rs.10,00,000/-, with the current consumption charges. Though the petitioner had sought that such adjustment to be made with interest at Rs.10,00,000/-, that request is not granted. The sum of Rs.10,00,000/- paid as a Security Deposit alone shall be adjusted with the current consumption charges from the next consumption bill raised by the second respondent herein. Till the adjustment is over, the petitioner should not suffer any order of



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disconnection.

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4. The Writ Petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

Consequently, WMP No.6411 of 2023 is closed.

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