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W.P.No.21001 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.07.2023

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MR.JUSTICE N.SESHASAYEE

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and W.M.P.No.20374 of 2023

Sambandam Spinning Mills Ltd.,
Kamaraj Nagar Colony,
Salem – 636 014.
repd. by its Chairman and
Managing Director
S.Devarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

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

3.The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO,
Perambalur Electricity Distribution Circle,
Perambalur.



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4.The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO
Salem Electricity Distribution Circle,
Salem.

... Respondents

PRAYER: The writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondent and their men, agents from collecting current consumption charges, demand charges and any arrears from the petitioner's HTSC No.049094240034 till the entire outstanding dues of Rs.50,00,000/- payable to the petitioner along with interest towards refundable security deposit in the account of the petitioner's Solar Power Plant HTSC No.069514400004 is paid or give adjustment in the current consumption charges payable by the petitioner till the entire amount is adjusted.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.S.Pandiyaraj

For Respondents : Mr.I.Syed Sibghatulla
Standing Counsel for TNEB

ORDER

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



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2.This petition is filed seeking refund of a security deposit of Rs.50 lakhs which the respondent is duty bound to repay. The deposit was made for establishing solar power plant and as per the norms once the solar power plant is commissioned, the respondent is obligated to refund the security deposit.

3.Mr.I.Syed Sibghatulla, the learned standing counsel takes notice for the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

4.This Court understands that the respondent is also raising current consumption charges against the petitioner and this court now directs that the respondent is required to adjust its current consumption charges against the refundable deposit, which it is obligated to do. This arrangement will commence from August 2023.



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5.The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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