



W.P(MD)No.19767 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 12.10.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.19767 of 2022

and

W.M.P(MD)No.14422 of 2022

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Office at Ramavarmapuram,
K.P.Road, Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.
- 2.The Assitant Director of Village Panchayat,
Collectorate Campus,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.
- 3.The Superintending Engineer,
TANGEDCO Distribution Circle,
S.E.Office, Parvathipuram,
Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District.
- 4.The Commissioner /
Block Development Officer,
Office at Kuruthancode,
Kanyakumari District.



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6.The Junior Engineer,
TANGEDCO Sub-division,
Eraniel, Neyoor Post,
Kanyakumari District.

7.The President,
Thalakulam Village Panchayat,
Thalakulam,
Thalakulam Post,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the order passed by the fourth respondent in Na.Ka.No.A5/191/2022 dated 14.07.2022 and quash the same as illegal and further direct the respondents 3 to 6 to reconnect / restore the electricity power supply to the high mass light and the two toilets in the Veluthambi Dalawa Memorial Building in Thalakulam, Thalakulam Panchayat, Kanyakumari District within a time stipulated.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Krishna Doss

For Respondents : Mr.C.Satheesh
Government Advocate for R.1 & R.2

Mr.S.Dheenadhayalan
Standing Counsel for R.3 & R.5

Mr.N.Ramesh
Government Advocate for R.4 & R.6



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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The question that calls for consideration is whether the respondents were justified in disconnecting the supply of electricity for the petition mentioned memorial. The memorial is dedicated to a historical figure. But the fact remains that it is located on the private land. It is run by a private body. Therefore, some one must assume responsibility for paying the electricity consumption charges. If the petitioner is not ready to assume responsibility, he cannot demand that electricity supply should continue to be given. I do not find any ground to interfere.

3. This writ petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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