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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 06.06.2024

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THE HONOURABLE **DR. JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH**
W.P.Nos.14661, 14671 and 14676 of 2024
& WMP.Nos.15929, 15933 and 15935 of 2024

M/s. Veejay Lakshmi Engineering Works Ltd.,
Sangalipalayam, NGTGO Colony (Po)
Coimbatore – 641 022
Repd. by its Authorized Signatory
R. Sargunam

... Petitioner in W.P.No.14661 of 2024

M/s. Veejay Sales and Services Ltd.,
Sengalipalayam, NGGO Colony (Po)
Coimbatore – 641 022 repd. by its
Authorized Signatory R. Sargunam

... Petitioner in W.P.No.14676 of 2024

M/s.Allwin Pipes
196/1 & 180/1-2b, Thottipalayam Road,
Vijaayamangalam – 638 056
Repd. by its Partner Arun Palanisamy

... Petitioner in W.P.No.14671 of 2024

Vs

1. Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory
Commission repd. By its Secretary,
19-A, Rukmini LakshmipathySalai,
(Marshall's Road)
Egmore, Chennai – 600 008
2. The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited, 144, Anna Salai
Chennai 600 002
3. Director Finance
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution



Corporation Limited, 144, Anna Salai
Chennai 600 002.

... Respondents in all W.Ps

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4. The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO,
Tirunelveli Metro Electricity Distribution Circle,
Tirunelveli.
5. The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO,
Udumalpet Electricity Distribution Circle,
Udumalpet.
6. The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO,
Coimbatore Electricity Distribution Circle/North,
Coimbatore.

.... Respondents in W.P.No.14661 of 2024

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5. The Superintending Engineer
TANGEDCO,
Palladam Electricity Distribution Circle,
Palladam.

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Dindigul.
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.... Respondents in W.P.No.14676 of 2024



PRAYER in W.P.No.14661 of 2024: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents and their men, agents from collecting current consumption charges, demand charges and any arrears from the petitioner HTSC No.039 094300212 and 039 094300517 until the respondents make payment of the outstanding dues of Rs.51,72,979/- (for the year 2022-2023) payable to the petitioner or give adjustment in the current consumption charges payable by the petitioner till the entire amount is adjusted.

PRAYER in W.P.No.14671 of 2024: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents and their men, agents from collecting current consumption charges, demand charges and any arrears from the petitioner HTSC No.049094260513 until the respondents make payment of the outstanding dues of Rs.11,55,409/- (for the year 2022-2023) payable to the petitioner or give adjustment in the current consumption charges payable by the petitioner till the entire amount is adjusted.

PRAYER in W.P.No.14676 of 2024: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents and their men, agents from collecting current consumption charges, demand charges and any arrears from the petitioner HTSC No.039 094300212 and 039 094300517 until the respondents make payment of the outstanding dues of Rs.47,71,920/- (for the year 2022-2023) payable to the petitioner or give adjustment in the current consumption charges payable by the petitioner till the entire amount is adjusted.



For Respondents

: Mr.I.Syed Subghatulla
Standing Counsel (W.P.No.14671 of 2024)
Mr.Surya Narayanan
for Mr.L.Jai Venkatesh
Standing Counsel (W.P.Nos.14661 and 14676 of
2024)

COMMON ORDER

Ms.Sindhuza, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr.L.Jai Venkatesh, learned Counsel accepts notice for the respondents and is armed with instructions to enable final disposal of these matters, even at the stage of admission.

2. The prayer is for a mandamus forbearing the respondents, officials of the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) from collecting current consumption charges or any further charges till the entirety of the outstanding dues of Rs.51,72,979/- (W.P.No.14661 of 2024), Rs.11,55,409/- (W.P.No.14671 of 2024) and Rs.47,71,920/- (W.P.No.14676 of 2024) is adjusted as against the consumption charges.

3. Ms.Sindhuza would acquiesce to the position that the amount of Rs.51,72,979/- (W.P.No.14661 of 2024), Rs.11,55,409/- (W.P.No.14671 of 2024) and Rs.47,71,920/- (W.P.No.14676 of 2024) as quantified by the petitioners are, indeed, arrears due to the petitioners.

4. Thus, and in light of the aforesaid admission, mandamus is issued forbearing the respondents from collecting the current consumption charges and directing the respondents to adjust the outstanding dues first as against the



5. It is seen that similar orders have been passed in identical circumstances in Writ Petitions in W.P.Nos.33072 of 2022 dated 07.12.2022 and W.P.No.1857 of 2023 dated 14.02.2023.

6. In light of the above, these Writ Petitions stand allowed. No costs.

Connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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Index : Yes / No

Speaking Order: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes

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