



W.P.No. 18664 of 2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.10.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

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and
W.M.P.No.23154 of 2020

- 1.G.Jothilakshmi
- 2.S.Murugan
- 3.D.Baskar
- 4.P.Manoharan
- 5.S.Bala Krishnan
- 6.S.Selvadurai
- 7.K.Manivannan
- 8.A.Kala
- 9.K.Kannaki
- 10.E.Murugakannu
- 11.V.Jeyanthi
- 12.K.Valli
- 13.T.Bindu
- 14.V.N.Chakravarthy
- 15.G.Suresh
- 16.M.Mathialagan
- 17.C.Jeyaganesan
- 18.S.Palanivel
- 19.M.Murugan
- 20.R.Parvathi
- 21.A.Loganayaki
- 22.K.Arulananthan
- 23.C.Sundaresan
- 24.L.Chitra
- 25.R.Xavier Benedict
- 26.N.Thilagarani

.... Petitioners

Vs



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1. Tamil Nadu Generation and
Distribution Corporation Ltd./ Tamil Nadu
Transmission Corporation Ltd,
Rep by its Chairman cum Managing Director,
No. 144, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

2. The Chief Engineer Personnel
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Ltd,
Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Ltd,
No.144, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

.... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to re-designate the petitioners as Assistant Engineers (Electrical) from the date of their acquiring the degrees in accordance with the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court dated 03.11.2017 and in accordance with Annexure-1 of the TNEB Service Regulations and all other consequential benefits.

For Petitioners : Mr.Gautam S.Raman

For Respondents : Mr.K.Rajkumar
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction, directing the respondents to re-designate the petitioners as Assistant Engineers (Electrical) from the date of their acquiring the degrees in accordance with the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court dated 03.11.2017 and



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in accordance with Annexure-1 of the TNEB Service Regulations and all other consequential benefits.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

3. This Court had already dealt with a similar issue in a batch of writ petitions in W.P.Nos.25727 & 25728 of 2022, dated 24.01.2024, in which this Court held as follows :-

“9. In the contempt petitions, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India further clarified that the candidates would certainly be eligible to such entitlements as are available in accordance with law, restoration would only be of those benefits, which they were enjoying as on the date of the judgment. In short, the intent was to restore status quo ante and not to confer any additional advantage. Admittedly, the petitioners had no valid degree until they cleared the Special Examinations thereby validated their degree i.e., till the month of June and December 2018. Though the petitioners had completed their BE degree in the year 2008, the petitioners were not re-designated as Assistant Engineer. Therefore, they were not enjoying any benefit based on such degree as on the date of the judgment



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passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, i.e. 03.11.2017. Therefore, the request made by the petitioners were rightly rejected by the second respondent and this Court finds no infirmity or illegality in the order passed by the second respondent and the writ petitions lack of merits. As such, the same are liable to be dismissed."

4. In view of the above, the direction sought for in this writ petition cannot be considered. Thus, the writ petition lacks merits and it is liable to be dismissed. Accordingly, this writ petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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