



WP(MD) No.14644 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **04.07.2024**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

W.P.(MD) No.14644 of 2024

M.Thanu Moorthi

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Chief Engineer / Personnel,
Tamilnadu Electricity Board,
Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
No.144, Anna Salai, Tamilnadu Electricity Board,
Chennai – 600 002.
 2. The Chief Engineer,
Madurai Distribution Circle,
Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
Tamilnadu Electricity Board,
K.Pudur, Madurai.
 - 3.The Superintending Engineer, (Distribution),
Virudhunagar Electricity Distribution Circle,
Virudhunagar.
 - 4.The Executive Engineer,
Villapuram / Madurai,
Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
Tamilnadu Electricity Board,
Madurai.
- ... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st Respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 10.04.2024 and accommodate the petitioner as Junior Engineer (Grade - I) Either in Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle or in Kanyakumari Electricity Distribution Circle within a stipulated time may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Saravanakumar
For Respondents : Mr.B.Ramanathan
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this Writ Petition seeking for a direction to the 1st Respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 10.04.2024 and accommodate the petitioner as Junior Engineer (Grade - I) Either in Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle or in Kanyakumari Electricity Distribution Circle within a stipulated time may be fixed by this Court.



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2. Heard Mr.M.Saravanakumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.B.Ramanathan, learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

3. By consent of both parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

4. The petitioner herein had given a request / representation to the respondents on 10.04.2024 to accommodate the petitioner as Junior Engineer (Grade - I) Either in Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle or in Kanyakumari Electricity Distribution Circle. Since the said representation was not considered by the respondents so far, the present writ petition has been filed.

5. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. The failure on the part of the authority had prompted the petitioner to file this petition for seeking relief through issuance of Writ



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of Mandamus. As the petitioner has made out a case for invoking the extraordinary powers of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the respondents are required to be given with a direction to consider the representation of the petitioner within a specified time frame.

6. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's request / representation dated 10.04.2024 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not gone into the merits of the claim of the petitioner and it is open to the respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Index : Yes / No
NCC : Yes / No



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