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W.P.(MD)NO.25569 OF 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 24.04.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.25569 of 2022

Saravanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Theni District, Theni.

2. The Block Development Officer,
Bodinayakkanur,
Theni District.

3. The President,
Silmarathupatti Panchayat,
Bodinayakkanur,
Theni District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to act upon the proceedings of the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.No. 1466/2022/A5 dated 10.10.2022 seeking to provide water connection to the petitioner's house in Door No.B5/91, White House, Mahatma Gandhi College Opposite, Sillumarathupatti, Bodinayakkanur, Theni District within the period that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jerin Mathew

For Respondents : Mr.N.G.A.Natraj,
Government Advocate.

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**ORDER**

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner applied to the respondent / local body for being provided with water connection. The stand of the respondents is that the petitioner's house is located at a considerable distance and that it would cost more than a lakh of rupees to provide water connection.

3. Since the issue has financial implication, I will not be in a position to issue any positive direction in favour of the petitioner. The respondents are hopeful that Jal Jeevan mission will be implemented shortly and once water lines are put up, the petitioner will be able to get the water connection. The petitioner states that once the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission will be implemented, he would avail the facilities provided thereunder and he may also be permitted to take water connection by bearing the cost.

4. The only objection raised by the local body is that they are not in a position to bear the cost. Now that the petitioner is willing to bear the cost, Respondents 1 and 2 are directed to provide water connection to the petitioner within a period of four weeks, if the petitioner remits the cost



for providing the same. This writ petition stands allowed on these terms.

No costs.

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No
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