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W.P. No.4512 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.11.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

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and

W.M.P. Nos.4877, 4878 and 4879 of 2024

M/s.Madras Hardtools Private Limited,
Rep by its Authorised Signatory
Pravasha Pati,

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Chairman
TANTRANSCO
Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Ltd.,
No.144, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

2.The Superintending Engineer
General Construction Circle-I,
TANTRANSCO (TNEB)
A-10, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai-600 032.

3.The Assistant Engineer,
TLC/Chennai
General Construction Circle-I,
TANTRANSCO (TNEB),
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4.The District Collector
Thiruvallur District, Thiruvallur.

Respondents



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Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records in Lr. No. SE/ GCC-I, CNI/ AEE/ GL/ CHD/ F.T & D/ Notification D.1076/2022 Published in Gazette notification dated 09.11.2022 pertaining to the 2nd respondent and quash the same as far as the petitioner land is concerned and consequently direct the respondents to forbearing all further action/ proceedings pursuant to the Letter dated 08.02.2024 in Letter No.AE/TLC/ CNI/ LT Line/ F.DNI PNJTY/ D.No.21/24 issued by the 3rd respondent for erection of 110 KV DC Line on Multi Circuit tower with zebra conductors in No.62, Durainallur Village, Pudevoyal P.O., Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District Pin-601 206.

For petitioner : Mr.V.R. Kamalanathan
for Mr.R. Gowthaman

For respondents : Mr.D.R. Arunkumar
Standing Counsel for RR1 to 3
Ms.S. Anitha,
Special Govt. Pleader for RR4 & 5

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking quashment of the/ Notification D.1076/2022 in Lr. No. SE/ GCC-I, CNI/ AEE/ GL/ CHD/ F.T & D, published in Gazette notification dated 09.11.2022 pertaining to the 2nd respondent insofar as the petitioner's land is concerned and consequently direct the respondents to forbear all further action/ proceedings pursuant to the Letter dated 08.02.2024 in Letter No.AE/TLC/ CNI/ LT Line/ F.DNI PNJTY/ D.No.21/24 issued by the 3rd



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respondent for erection of 110 KV DC Line on Multi Circuit tower with zebra conductors in No.62, Durainallur Village, Puduvoyal P.O., Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District Pin-601 206.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the respondents / Electricity Board propose to lay a 230 KV multi-circuit high tension transmission line through the petitioner's land, which would seriously affect the petitioner's use and enjoyment of the property. It is further stated that the petitioner has submitted objections stating that such laying would cause grave inconvenience and disruption. It is the grievance of the petitioner that though the respondents have stated that compensation would be paid, they have not specified the extent of land required, thereby preventing the petitioner from assessing the compensation payable. It is the contention of the petitioner that the impugned Notification dated 09.11.2022 issued by the 2nd respondent is unsustainable and therefore, he has approached this Court by filing this writ petition to quash the same and prayed for consequential directions.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the proposed laying of the high tension line has been initiated without obtaining consent from the petitioner being the landowner, and without following due process of law, the



said proposal has been formulated. He further argued that the respondents ought to have considered alternative route as the entire layout / alignment of the buildings, particularly petitioner's staff quarters would be greatly affected. On the aforesaid score, he seeks for quashment of the impugned Notification dated 09.11.2022 issued by the 2nd respondent as well as sought appropriate directions from this Court.

4. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 submitted that the proposed erection of the high tension line would not cause any prejudice to the petitioner. Reiterating the averments in the counter affidavit, he vehemently argued that the proposal is only to convert the existing Single Circuit Transmission (SCT) line into a multi-circuit (MC) line within the already existing corridor and therefore, no prior permission or concurrence of the petitioner is required for replacing the existing 230 KV towers with new multi-circuit towers located in the petitioner's premises. However, he fairly submitted that the petitioner would be entitled to compensation, and therefore this Court may issue appropriate directions in that regard.

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

6. Considering the submissions made on either side, this Court is of the view that the dispute between the parties primarily relates to the claim for



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compensation arising out of the erection/replacement of 230 KV transmission towers and conversion of the existing single circuit line into a multi-circuit line in the petitioner's land. It is the stand of the respondents that the work is confined to the existing corridor and therefore, concurrence from the petitioner is not required. Further, it is clear that the respondents will pay compensation to the petitioner with regard to the aforesaid erection, in accordance with law.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to submit a detailed application seeking compensation, along with all relevant particulars and documents, to the competent authority. Upon receipt of such application, the respondents are directed to consider the same for payment of compensation and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of twelve weeks thereafter.

8. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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