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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.08.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH**

Writ Petition No.24224 of 2025

R.Elumalai

.... Petitioner

.Vs.

1.The Tamil Nadu Power Distribution
Corporation Limited
Rep. by its Chairman
No.800, Anna Salai
Chennai 600 002.

2.The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission
Rep. by its Secretary
4th Floor, SIDCO Corporate Office Building
Thiru.Vi.Ka Industrial Estate
Guindy, Chennai 600 032.

3.The Chief Engineer
Commercial, TNPDC
No.144, Anna Salai
Chennai 600002.

.. Respondents

(R3 suo motu impleaded vide order dt.25.7.2025
made in WP.24224 of 2025 by NAVJ)

Prayer : Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 09.12.2024 on the basis of the letter



No.TNERC/DE/DDE2/AD(SA)/F. Directions to TANGEDCO/D.602/25 dated 7.5.2025

issued by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chennai 600 032.

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For Petitioner : Mr.M.Gnansekar

For Respondents : Mr.D.R.Arunkumar
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a writ of mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to deal with the representation made by the petitioner on 09.12.2024, on the basis of the letter dated 07.05.2025, issued by the 2nd respondent.

2.The case of the petitioner is that the 2nd respondent has issued revised guidelines on 04.09.2024 and a letter has also been issued dated 07.5.2025 which is in the form of instructions for compliance of regulations. The petitioner submitted a representation to the 3rd respondent to deal with the representation in line with the said letter. Since there was no response, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

3.When the matter came up for hearing on 25.07.2025, the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the 3rd respondent sought for sometime to take instructions. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the learned Standing



Counsel sought for some more time.

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4.The grievance of the petitioner is that he is duly licensed by the Government of Tamil Nadu to issue certificate of competency to give electrical supply to residential houses. According to the petitioner, after the completion of the work, he is authorized to give certificate regarding the completion and this practice was in vogue till 2000. Thereafter, the TANGEDCO issued board proceedings dated 31.10.2000, to the effect that it is not necessary to obtain competency certificate.

5.The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission issued revised guidelines on 04.9.2024 in this regard and according to the petitioner, the same has not been followed. Hence, the petitioner submitted a representation in this regard and since the same did not evoke any response, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

6.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the materials placed before this Court, there shall be a direction to the 3rd respondent to deal with the representation made by the petitioner on 09.12.2024 on its own merits and in accordance with law and inform the petitioner on the decision taken within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.



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This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

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Index : Yes/No

NCS : Yes/No

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