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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-09-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 35911 of 2025

K.Satish Kumar

... Petitioner

v.

1. The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation
Ripon Building, Chennai-600 003.

2. The District Collector
Chennai District,
Rajaji Salai, Chennai-600 001

3.The Zonal Officer, Zone 14,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
No.1, Ram Nagar, 1st Main Road,
Puzhuthivakkam, Chennai-600 091.

4.Bharti Airtel Limited,
Rep. by its Chairman & Managing Director,
Oceanic Towers, 101, Santhome High Road,
Pattinapakkam, Chennai-600 028.

5.ACT Fibernet (Atria Convergence Technologies Ltd)
Rep. by its Chief Executive Officer
'The Prince', 3rd Floor, No.4, Cathedral Road,
Gopalapuram, Chennai-600 086.

... Respondents

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PRAYER: This Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus directing 1st and 3rd respondent to the petitioner representation dated 08.08.2025 to take immediate and effective steps to remove or property re-lay the Internet cables which are loosely hanging and obstructing the entrance of the petitioner's residence at No.10, Sabari Salai, Madipakkam, Chennai-600 091.

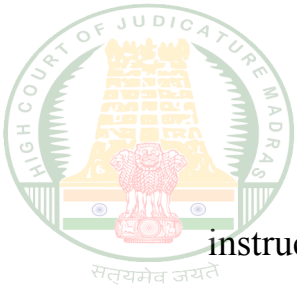
For Petitioner : Mr.B.Manikandan

For Respondents : Mr.G.Arjun for
Mr.Prithivi Chopda for R1 & R3
Mrs.C.Meera Arumugam, AGP for R2

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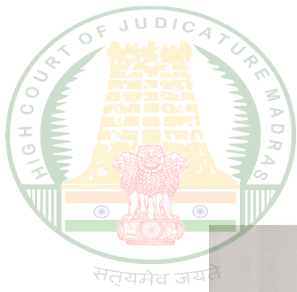
The petitioner came forward with this writ petition seeking for a direction to remove the Internet cable wires which are running all around his house. Taking note of the fact that the cables are indeed operating as a nuisance for enjoyment of the property of the petitioner, I directed Mr.Prithvi Chopda to get instructions from the Secretary, Greater Chennai Corporation. I posted the matter today for production of instructions.

2. When I took up the matter, Mr.Chopda produced the



instructions of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Electrical Department,
Zone-XIV, Greater Chennai Corporation, Puzhuthivakkam, Chennai-600
091.

3. A perusal of the instruction shows that the Assistant Executive Engineer convened a meeting with the Internet service providers and instructed them to remove the cables, which were obstructing the entrance of the house of the writ petitioner. It also states that appropriate instructions have been given to the cable providers to ensure that Chennai remains safe and well-managed in terms of public infrastructure. The instructions given to the service providers are also extracted hereunder:



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GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT
ZONE-XIV

FROM

The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Electrical Department,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Zone-XIV, Chennai.

TO

M/S. Bharti airtel Limited,
Row Department, 42/147 & 44/146,
Santhome High Road and Rosary Church
Road, Mylapore, Chennai-600 004.

ZO-14.C.No./ADE-14 /200 /25

Dated:-24.9.2025

Subject: Instructions regarding OFC Cable Management and Infrastructure Maintenance in Zone-14.

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the recent review meeting held under the supervision of the Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Zone-14, the following instructions were issued for strict compliance by all TSP/ISP and OFC Operators:

1. Submission of Pole & Cable Details

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2. Removal of Unused/Abandoned Cables

- o TSP/ISP operators are instructed to regularly remove unused, unwanted, and abandoned OFC cables before 15.10.2025.
- o Hanging of cable coils on street lamp posts is strictly prohibited.
- o Workers should be instructed to handle GCC street lamps carefully to avoid damage.

3. Identification of O&M Workers

- o All operators must ensure that their Operation & Maintenance (O&M) workers carry firm-issued ID cards while undertaking any work in the zone.

4. Overall Objective

- o The above instructions are issued with the objective of ensuring that the city of Chennai remains clean, safe, and well-managed in terms of public infrastructure, with the active cooperation of all stakeholders.

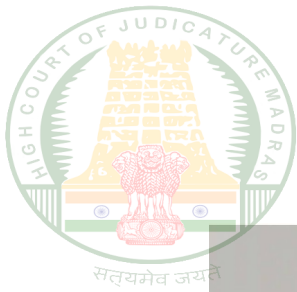
You are hereby directed to adhere to the above instructions without fail.
Non-compliance will be viewed seriously by this office.

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ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Electrical Department Zone - XIV
Greater Chennai Corporation

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GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT
ZONE-XIV

FROM

The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Electrical Department,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Zone-XIV, Chennai.

TO

M/s. Hathway Cable & Datacom Ltd.,
K.J. Aditya Tower, L14,
Phase - 2, V.S.I Estate, Thiruvannamur,
Chennai - 600 041.

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ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Electrical Department Zone - XIV
Greater Chennai Corporation



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4. As this addresses the grievance of the writ petitioner, recording the instructions, the writ petition stands closed. No costs.

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