



W.P.(MD)No.12471 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28.04.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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Veeranathan

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Junior Electricity Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
(Production/distribution)
Courtalam,
Tenkasi District.

2. The Executive Officer,
Special Grade Courtalam Town Panchayat,
No.1, Malligai Veethi, Parasakthi Nagar,
Courtalam,
Tenkasi District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 22.03.2025 and to disconnect the electricity connection is SC.No.070300041645 provided in favour of the second respondent.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Ramu



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For Respondents : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan

Standing Counsel for R1

Mr.Sundarapandian for R2

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 22.03.2025 and to disconnect the electricity connection is SC No. 070300041645 provided in favour of the second respondent.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties. By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. Alleging that the second respondent obtained an electricity service connection on the petitioner's land by furnishing a bogus address, the petitioner submitted a detailed representation to the first respondent, requesting disconnection of the said service connection. However, as no action has been taken, the petitioner has now approached this Court by filing the present Writ Petition.



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4.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that, it would suffice, if this Court issues a direction to the first respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 22.03.2025 and pass appropriate orders, within a time frame that may be stipulated by this court.

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 him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

6. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 22.03.2025, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in



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accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner, as well as all other persons, who may be interested in the subject matter, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is also made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the first respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

7. With the above directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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