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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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R.Bhuvaneshwari
W/O.Ravanaiah (Late)
No.721, Thideer Nagar
Amirthamangalam village
Poovalambedu post
Gummidipoondi Taluk
Tiruvallur District -601 206

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its secretary to government
Electricity Department
Secretariat
chennai-600 009
2. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
corporation Ltd(TANGEDCO)
Rep by its chairman and Manager Director
No.144,Anna salai
chennai-600 002
3. The Superintendent Engineer
TANGEDCO
Electricity Distribution circle
Thiruvallur District
4. The Assistant Engineer(O and M)
Tamilnadu Electricity Board
Poovalambedu
Gummidipoondi Taluk
Thiruvallur District

..Respondent(s)



Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay a compensation of Rs.31,84,000/-Rupees Thirty one Lakhs eighty four thousand only) and Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs only) towards the other conventional heads along with interest from the date of death till the date of realization to the petitioner for the loss of petitioners husband life on account of electrocution

For Petitioner(s): Mr.J.Dev Eshwaar

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Murthi, GA for R1
Mr.L.Jai Venkatesh for R2 to R4

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to pay a compensation of Rs.31,84,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Only) and Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) towards the other conventional heads along with interest from the date of death till the date of realization to the petitioner for the loss of petitioner's husband life on account of electrocution.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side. With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the admission stage itself.



3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner's husband Ravanaiah was an agricultural coolie under one Ramesh and when both the said persons while travelling in a motor cycle on 06.10.2023, they came into contact with a High Tension live electric wire lying on the road at Chinnapuliyur Sundaram Kuttai and the petitioner's husband died on the spot due to electrocution. A case was also registered in Cr.No.607 of 2023 under Section 174 of the Cr.P.C. Hence, the petitioner made a representation to the respondents to pay compensation for her husband's death, however, no order was passed and therefore, the present Writ Petition.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that due to the negligence on the part of the fourth respondent, the petitioner has lost her husband and she is not able to eke out her livelihood and raise her children and therefore, prayed this Court to grant the relief as sought for by the petitioner in this Writ Petition.

5. Per contra, the learned Standing counsel for the respondents/TNEB submitted that the petitioner is entitled for a sum of Rs.5 lakhs as compensation for her husband's death as per the proceedings of the TANGEDCO dated 16.10.2019 and the cheque is also available with the respondent in respect of the petitioner's claim. He further submitted that if at all, the petitioner is aggrieved,



she can raise her dispute before the District Legal Service for the enhanced compensation.

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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also taking note of the submissions of the respective learned counsels, this Court directs the respondent Board to issue the compensation, a sum of Rs.5 lakhs cheque to the petitioner for which the petitioner is entitled, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to file claim for enhancement of compensation before the Legal Services Authority in the manner known to law.

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

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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