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W.P.No.16031 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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And

W.M.P.Nos.17276 and 17277 of 2026

Tokunbo David Olaniyil

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Assistant Engineer,
Tamilnadu Electricity Board,
Arasankalani,
Chennai – 131.

... Respondent

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for records in connection with the impugned order U.PO/E&PA/Arasankalani/Ko. No.326/25 dated 24.03.2026 issued by the respondent and quash the same and further direct the respondents to conduct reassessment of the petitioner's electricity meter.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Sudhan

For Respondent : Mr.L.Jaivenkatesh



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ORDER

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By consent, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2.The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for records in connection with the order U.PO/E&PA/Arasankalani/Ko. No.326/25 dated 24.03.2026 issued by the respondent and quash the same and further direct the respondent to conduct reassessment of the petitioner's electricity meter.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is residing at No.66, Jones Cassia II, Arasan Kalani, SIPCAT Main Road, Ottiyampakkam, Chennai and the petitioner has been regularly paying electricity consumption charges without default till November, 2023. In the year 2023, an excessive electricity bill amounting to Rs.80,000/- was issued to the petitioner. Immediately, the petitioner made representation to the respondent seeking for meter inspection and reassessment, however, the respondent passed the impugned order demanding a sum of Rs.2,50,542/- and disconnected the electricity supply.



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4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submitted that it is not the mistake committed by the petitioner and already the petitioner made request for rectification of the meter mistake, however, the respondent passed the impugned order. The learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner is ready to remit the entire amount of Rs.2,50,542/-, however, by way of eight installments. Hence this Court may, without going into the merits of the case, permit the petitioner to remit the entire amount of Rs.2,50,542/- in 8 equal monthly installments and further submitted that the petitioner will remit the first installment within one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and prayed that this Court may direct the respondent to restore electricity service connection after payment of the first installment.

5.Considering the limited relief now sought for by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, permits the petitioner to remit the amount of Rs.2,50,542/- in 8 equal monthly installments, commencing from 7th May, 2026 and shall pay the installments on or before 7th of every succeeding English Calendar month along with current consumption



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charges. After the petitioner remits the first installment i.e., a sum of Rs.31,318/- on or before 7th May, 2026, the respondent shall restore the electricity service connection. If the petitioner commits default in remitting any of the installment, liberty is granted to the respondent to disconnect the electricity service connection in the manner known to law.

6.The writ petition is disposed of on the above terms. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/ No
Speaking Order: Yes/ No
NCC: Yes/ No

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