

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 21731 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary
Department of Electricity / Energy
Government of Tamil Nadu
Chennai.
2. The Chairman Cum MD,
Ta mil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation
Limited,
Government of Tamil Nadu
144 Annasalai
Chennai 600002.
3. Superintending Engineer
Chennai Development Circle/TANGEDCO
Chennai 32.
4. Executive Engineer
Chennai Development Circle/TANGEDCO
Chennai 32.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioners representation dated 16.02.2026 and



consequently dispose of the petitioner's application submitted in the year 2015 for appointment under compassionate grounds .

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Balamurugan

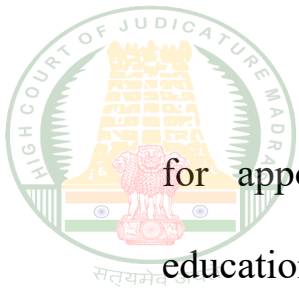
For Respondent(s): Mr.A.R.Balaji
Government Advocate-R1

Mr.K.Purushothaman
Standing Counsel – R2 to R4

Order

This writ petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of his representation dated 16.02.2026 with regard to his application submitted in the year 2015 for appointment on compassionate grounds.

2. The petitioner would submit that he has been working as a Contract Labourer under TANGEDCO since 2002. His father, who was employed as Foreman Grade-I under TANGEDCO, went missing in January 2007. An FIR was registered and, despite investigation, he could not be traced. Subsequently, in O.S.No.53 of 2017, the learned District Munsif, Tambaram, by judgment dated 23.12.2022, declared the petitioner's father as "Civil dead". According to the petitioner, he applied



for appointment on compassionate grounds in the year 2015. His educational certificates and other relevant records were verified by the authorities, and the necessary certificates were also obtained from the Revenue Authorities. Even though the authorities called for and processed the relevant records, no orders have been passed till date. In the above circumstances, the petitioner has submitted a representation dated 16.02.2026 to the respondents requesting them to consider his claim for compassionate appointment. Since the said representation has been kept pending without any progress, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard the learned counsels on both sides and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the limited scope of the prayer sought in this writ petition, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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