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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **04.03.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

WP.(MD)Nos.9772 of 2019 & 18308 of 2020
and
WMP.(MD)Nos.7655 of 2019, 15296 and 15297 of 2020

WP.(MD)No.9772 of 2019

R.Palanisamy

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Union Of India,
Rep.By The Secretary
Ministry Of Environment
Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jorbagh Road New Delhi-110 003

2.Union Of India
Rep.By The Secretary
Ministry Of New And Renewable Energy
Block-14 Cgo Complex
Lodhi Road New Delhi.

3.Central Electricity
Authority
Rep.By The Chairperson
Sewa Bhavan R.K.Puram
Sector-1 New Delhi



4.The State Of Tamilnadu
Rep.By The Principal Secretary To Govt.
Dept. Of Energy
Govt. Of Tamilnadu
Fort.St.George Chennai-9

5.Tamilnadu Pollution
Control Board
Rep.By Its Chairman
76 Mount Road Guindy Chennai-32

6.Power Grid Corporation
Of India Ltd.
Rep.By Its Managing Director
B-9 Qutab Institutional Area
Katwaria Sarai New Delhi

7.Tantransco
Rep.By Its Chairman
10th Floor
Npkrr Maaligai
144 Anna Salai Chennai

8.The District Collector Karur Dt.

9.The District Collector Trichy Dt.

10.The District Collector Dindigul Dt.

11.The Chief Manager
Power Grid Corporation Of India Ltd.
Coimbatore Trichy Main Road
K.Paramathy Po
Karur Dt.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, to call upon the records of the 3rd respondents prior approval for the projects namely a) pugalur HVDC Station - Thiruvalem 400 KV (Quad) D/C Line & b) Pugalur HVDC



Station - Paramathy 400 KV (Quad) D/C Line given to the 6th & 11th respondents in No.52 / 11 (PGCIL) /2015 - PSP& PA-II dated 24/09/2015 & its modification No:52/11(PGCIL)/2015-PSP&PA-II dated 18.02.2016 and quash the same with respect to the above Projects.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Purushothaman

For R4, R8 to R10 : Mr.S.P.Maharajan,
Special Government Pleader

For R2 & R3 : Mr.G.Rajaraman

For R6 & R11 : Mr.S.Suresh

For R5 : M/S.Madhuri Donti Reddy,
Senior Counsel

For R1 : Mr.Vidhya Maheshwaran

For R11 : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan

WP.(MD)No.18308 of 2020

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Rep. by its the Secretary Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Block-14 CGO Complex Lodhi Road
New Delhi-003



3. Central Electricity Authority

Rep. by its the Chairperson Sewa Bhavan R.K.Puram
Sector-1 New Delhi-66

4. The State of Tamil Nadu

Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Govt. Dept. of Energy Fort St. George
Chennai-009

5. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

Rep. by its the Chariman 76 Mount Road
Guindy Chennai-32

6. Tantransco

Rep. by its the Chairma
10th Floor NPKRR Maaligai 144
Anna Salai Chennai-002

7. The District Collector

Virudhunagar District Virudhunagar

8. The District Collector Madurai District Madurai

9. The District Collector Dindigul District Dindigul

10. The District Collector Tiruppur Dist. Tiruppur

11. The Superintendent Engineer

General Construction Circle

TANTRANSCO

Dr. Subbarayan Road

Tatabad

Coimbatore-012

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, to call call for the records of the impugned G.O.ms.No.35 Energy (A1) Department dated 24.5.2019 passed by the 4th respondent and quash the same in respect of the project



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viz., 765 kv DC Line from Virudhunagar to Coimbatore (Annexure-I Sl.No.46).

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Purushothaman

For R1 to R3 : Mr.M.Karthikeya Venkatachalapathi,
Central Government Standing Counsel

For R4, R7 to R10 : Mr.S.P.Maharajan,
Special Government Pleader

For R2 & R3 : Mr.G.Rajaraman

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Senior Counsel

For R11 : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan

COMMON ORDER

(Common Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

When these writ petitions are taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the prayer sought for in these writ petitions has become infructuous, since the projects have been implemented. However, the larger issue with regard to the underground electrical cable has to be addressed. He has also brought to the notice of this Court to the earlier order of this Court dated



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18.01.2021, wherein a direction was issued to the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras to file a report, however, the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras is not a party to this writ petition.

2. In view of the above, the petitioner in WP.(MD)No.9772 of 2019 is at liberty to file a fresh writ petition with regard to the larger issue of underground cable by making the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras as party to the writ petition. Accordingly, the writ petitions are dismissed as infructuous. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
04.03.2026

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Tiruppur Dist. Tiruppur



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