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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

WP(MD) No. 30613 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011499082026}

and W.M.P(MD)Nos.23365, 23366 & 23368 of 2026

G.Arulselvan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Ministry of Power Government of India
   Represented through its Secretary,
   Shram Shakti Bhawan,
   Rafi Marg,
   New Delhi-1

2. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited
   Represented through its Chairman/ Managing Director,
   16th Floor,
   Centre - I,
   World Trade Centre,
   Cuffe Parade,
   Colaba,
   Mumbai - 400 005.

3. POWERGRID Kudankulam Transmission Limited,
   represented through its Managing Director,
   Kudankulam,
   Tuticorin District.

4. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID),
   represented through its Regional Executive Director(SR-II),
   South Region - II Headquarters,
   No.7,

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KHM Block,
R.K.Puram,
Sector - 1,
Bengaluru - 560 066.

5. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
(POWERGRID),
represented through its Senior General Manager,
South Regional Transmission System-II,
Head Quarters,
Near RTO Driving Test Track,
Sinhanayakanahalli,
Yelahanka Hobli,
Bangalore - 560 064, Karnataka.

6. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
(POWERGRID),
represented through its Chief General Manager
/Regional Head,
Southern Region - Tamilnadu,
No.2, Race Course Cross Road,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032

7. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO),
Represented through its Chairman Director,
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

8. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
(POWERGRID),
Represented through its Deputy General
Manager/ Site In-Charge,
400/230 KV Substation Campus,
Near SIPCOT Industrial Area,
Thoothukudi - 628 008.

9. The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Korampollam,
Tuticorin - 628 101.

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10.The Superintendent Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
Tuticorin District,
Tuticorin.

11.The District Revenue Officer,
Office of the District Revenue Officer,
Tuticorin District,
Tuticorin.

12.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Collectorate,
Korampollam,
Tuticorin - 628 101.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records of the 9th respondent's Impugned Order in Na.Ka.C5/3500796/2025/953365 dated 15.06.2026 and quash the same as devoid of merits and directing the respondents to proceed the installation of Tower and High Voltage Power Line to eastern side dry lands (Green Line in the Rough Sketch) of Survey No.l296/2B, 1305/2B, 1308/1, Survey No.1305/1, 1305/2A, 1307/1 in Singathakurichi Revenue Village, Srivaikuntam Revenue Sub District, Tuticorin Revenue District, within the period as stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner(s) :M/r.Haja Mohideen A

For Respondent(s) :Mr.S.Muthukumar
Central Government Standing
Counsel For R1
Mr.J.Senthil Kumaraiah
Standing Counsel For R7 & R10
Mr.AR.L.Sundaresan
Assistant Solicitor General

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for Mr.S.Karthick Ramkumar
For R8
Mr.T.Thirumurugan
Special Government Pleader
For R9, R11 & R12

ORDER

Challenging the 9th respondent's Impugned Order in Na.Ka.C5/3500796/2025/953365 dated 15.06.2026 and directing the respondents to proceed the installation of Tower and High Voltage Power Line to eastern side dry lands (Green Line in the Rough Sketch) of Survey No.l296/2B, 1305/2B, 1308/1, Survey No.1305/1, 1305/2A, 1307/1 in Singathakurichi Revenue Village, Srivaikuntam Revenue Sub District, Tuticorin Revenue District, this writ petition is filed.

2. The petitioner is an agriculturalist who had purchased the subject land in Survey Nos.1296/2A, l296/2B, 1305/2B, 1308/1, 1315/1 in Singathakurichi Revenue Village, Srivaikuntam Revenue Sub District, Tuticorin Revenue District vide sale deed dated 10.02.2025. He had planted coconut saplings to create coconut groove and is also planning to cultivate cross crops. Adjacent to his land is the land of his sibling, Mrs.M.Valliyammal's husband Mr.Murugan and he is also doing cultivation.

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3. To the shock of the petitioner, he came to understand, as per the scheme of the Central Government, the High Voltage Power Lines are about to be installed for the 400 KV D/C (Quad) KNPP Units 3 & 4 in Kudankulam nuclear station, which are likely to be erected in the areas of Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts. It is also found that the preliminary survey has been conducted as to the installation of towers and the route through which the power lines are to be laid. It is informed that the lands in the east of the petitioner's property has also been identified by the Government in this regard. Pointing out that a public hearing was not conducted in this regard before implementing the said project, the learned counsel for the petitioner sought for the indulgence of this Court by appointment of Commissioner to find out a feasible alternate electric route, through which the ongoing project could be carried out and sought the indulgence of this Court

4. The learned Assistant Solicitor General appearing for the 8th respondent submitted that a feasibility study was conducted as long before for more than five years, and the project has already been finalized, and, as on date, no electric line or high voltage towers are installed or drawn across the petitioner's property. However, in future, if the petitioner's property is utilized for the said project, Sections 10 and 16

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of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 would be available to him and appropriate compensation would also be granted to the petitioner and sought for dismissal of the petition, citing that the project is of national importance.

5. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 9, 11 and 12 submitted that a careful reading of the impugned order itself would prove that, as on date, no electric line or high voltage tower has been installed in the petitioner's land. However, in future, if the petitioner's land is utilised for the said project, it is permissible in terms of Section 10 of Indian Telegraph Act,1885 by exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 for the District Collector, to resolve the dispute with respect to grant of compensation to all those landowners whose land is likely to be utilised. If at all the petitioner has any qualms or quarrel over the same, it is for him to approach the competent jurisdictional District Judge for the determination of appropriate compensation.

6. Heard the learned counsels on either side and carefully perused the materials available on record.

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7. Several writ petitions in similar lines have already been dealt with by this Court, more particularly in the case of ***L.Mangalam Vs. The District Collector, Tirunelveli District & Others***[1]**,** I had passed an order. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to give a fresh representation to the 9th respondent. On receipt of the same, the 9th respondent is directed to take necessary steps to consider the petitioner's representation and dispose the same in terms of Section 16 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 within a period of four(4) weeks thereafter. It is made clear that there is no bar for the respondents to continue the project.

8. With such directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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

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[1] W.P(MD)No.24051 of 2026 dated 16.09.2026

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