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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

WP(MD) No. 30525 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011507532026}

A.Ganesan,
S/o.Arumuganadar,
Door No.9/600,
Koodankulam,
Ajugramam Main Road,
Koodankulam,
Radhapuram Taluk,
Tirunelveli District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Superintending Engineer,
   Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TANGEDCO),
   Maharaja Nagar,
   Tirunelveli - 627 011.

2. The Executive Engineer (Distribution)
   Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TANGEDCO),
   Valliyoor,
   Tirunelveli District

3. The Junior Engineer
   Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TANGEDCO),
   Distribution Circle,
   Koodankulam,
   Tirunelveli District

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a WRIT OF MANDAMUS directing the Respondents particularly the 3rd Respondent to consider the Petitioner's representation dated 23.09.2026 on merits and in accordance with law

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and subsequently pass orders in shifting the individual electricity wire connection as from the Petitioners house pathway in the lowest height to the higher height above the wind mill electricity wire connection on the same post forthwith and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr S.Palanivelayutham
M/s J.Jeevin
M/s Selvin Abeesh S A
M/s Spurgen Rojer Ws

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Senthil Kumaraiah
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the respondents particularly the 3rd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 23.09.2026 on merits and in accordance with law and subsequently pass orders in shifting the individual electricity wire connection from the petitioner's house pathway in the lowest height to the higher height above the wind mill electricity wire connection on the same post forthwith.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that a high-voltage electric line passing through the petitioner's residential property is causing severe inconvenience to the petitioner. In this regard, the petitioner has submitted a representation to the respondents seeking

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appropriate action. However, the said representation has not been considered so far, necessitating the filing of the present writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and carefully perused the materials placed before this Court.

4. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

5. In the light of the above observations and also the submissions made, there shall be a direction to the third respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 23.09.2026, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other concerned parties, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is also

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made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

6. 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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