



W.P(MD)No.36689 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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E.Chandrasekar

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Chief Engineer (Personnel)
Tamilnadu Generation and
Distribution Corporation Ltd.,
No.144, Anna Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.
 2. The Chief Engineer,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Trichy Division, Thennur,
Trichy – 620 017.
 3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Vigilance and Anti Corruption Department,
Trichy.
- (R3 is *suo motu* impleaded by order dated
02.01.2026)

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to take necessary action regarding the petitioner's representation dated 20.11.2025 judiciously and re-instate him in service forthwith.



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For Petitioner : M/s.K.Gandhiammal
For R1 and R2 : Mr.Deenadhayalan,
Standing Counsel
For R3 : Mr.Abul Kalam Azad
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner is working as an Assistant Executive Engineer in the respondent TANGEDCO. He was arrested by the Vigilance and Anti Corruption Department on 17.02.2025 that he said to have received a sum of Rs.10,000/- as bribe for approval of three phase electricity service connection. The Vigilance and Anti Corruption Department has conducted a trap on 17.02.2025, arrested the petitioner along with the bribe amount and has also registered a case in Crime No.3 of 2025, for the offence under Section 7(b) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In view of the criminal case registered as against this petitioner, he was placed under suspension on 19.02.2025. The petitioner, with a grievance that he was placed under suspension for the past nine months and even then, the suspension order has not been reviewed as on date, has submitted a representation dated 20.11.2025 to the respondents and also filed this writ petition seeking a direction to the respondents to consider his representation dated 20.11.2025 and reinstate him into service.



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2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that as per Chapter II Section 2(3) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Employees Discipline and Appeal Regulations, if any suspension order is passed, it has to be reviewed once in four months. In this case, though this petitioner is placed under suspension for the past nine months, the suspension order has not yet been reviewed so far.

3. Mr.Deenadhayalan, learned Standing Counsel take notice for the respondent TANGEDCO and submits that they are awaiting reply from the Vigilance Department as the Vigilance Department has not concluded the investigation in Crime No.3 of 2025. Depending upon their approval, they would proceed further.

4. This Court considered the rival submissions made and also perused the materials placed on record.

5. The suspended employee of TANGEDCO has approached this Court that the order of suspension, dated 19.02.2025 has not been



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reviewed even after nine months of his suspension, on the ground that the investigation in Crime No.3 of 2025, which was registered as against him is pending. It is now reported that the respondent Department is awaiting to receive an approval from the Vigilance and Anti Corruption Department to proceed further.

6. In view of the above, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

- i. This Court *suo motu* impleads the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Vigilance and Anti Corruption Department, Trichy, as a party to the proceedings.
- ii. Mr.Abul Kalam Azad, learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) is directed to take notice for the newly impleaded respondent.
- iii. The Vigilance and Anti Corruption Department is directed to conclude the investigation in Crime No.3 of 2025, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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- iv. The respondent TANGEDCO shall proceed with the disciplinary proceedings with the available materials and evidence. They need not wait for the outcome of the investigation by the Vigilance and Anticorruption Department.
- v. If any document is required by the Disciplinary authority from the Vigilance Department, the same shall be obtained from the newly impleaded respondent.
- vi. The newly impleaded respondent is directed to furnish certified copies of documents, if any, required by the TANGEDCO, enabling them to proceed further with the disciplinary proceedings and to conclude the same within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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NCC: Yes/No
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