

W.P(MD)No.25320 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 18.10.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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and

W.M.P.(MD)No.21518 of 2023

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... Petitioner

Vs.

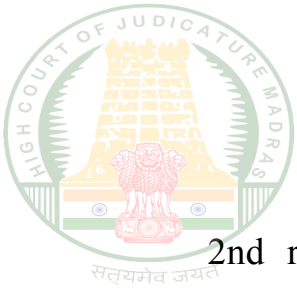
1.The Superintending Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO),
Near RTO Office, Bharathi Nagar,
Ramnad - 623 503, Ramnad District.

2.The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO),
Office of Executive Engineer, Ramnad,
Ramnad District.

3.The Assistant Engineer,
Operation and Distribution,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO),
Mandapam, Ramnad District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the



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2nd respondent herein to change the defective meter pertaining to petitioner's electricity service connection bearing No.05-308-001-127, and rectify the wrong calculation in the light of his representation dated 27.09.2023 and pass appropriate orders on it within a stipulated period as may be fixed by this Court.

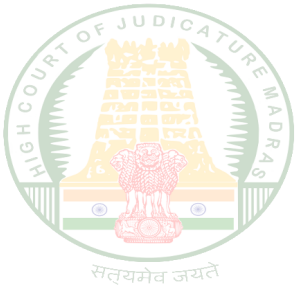
For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sundar

For Respondents : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan,
Standing Counsel.

ORDER

The petitioner is a consumer of electricity. He is enjoying service connection under commercial category. His grievance is that the installed meter is defective and that the reading shown therein is incorrect. The petitioner has given a representation dated 27.09.2023. He wants the respondents to act on the same.

2.The third respondent had earlier addressed letter dated 24.03.2023 to the petitioner. It reads as follows:-



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“தமிழ்நாடு மின் உற்பத்தி மற்றும் பகிர்மான கழகம்

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அனுப்புநர்

உதவி மின் பொறியாளர்
விநியோகம்
மண்டபம்

பெறுநர்

அன்வர் அலி
மண்டபம்

க.எண்:உ.மி.பொ/விநி/மண்டபம்/கோ : பொது/அ.எண் :

049/2023 நாள் : 24.03.2023

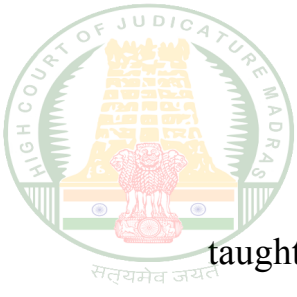
பொருள் : மின்சாரம் - மின் இணைப்பு எண் :

05-308-001-127 நிலுவை மின்

கட்டணம் விபரம் தெரிவிப்பது சம்மந்தமாக

மண்டபம் பிரிவு அலுவலகத்திற்கு உட்பட்ட சோலார் மின் இணைப்பு எண் : 05-308-001-127 முதுநிலை மதிப்பீட்டு அலுவலரின் கள ஆய்வின் போது 20.11.2018 முதல் 23.03.2023 வரை உள்ள consumption unit import-க்கு பதிலாக-ம், Export unit-க்கு பதிலாக Import unit-ம் தவறுதலாக உள்ளது என்பது கண்டறியப்பட்டது.”

3.The last word in the above letter had been incorrectly spelt. I expressed my surprise and called upon the standing counsel to contact the author of the letter and draw her attention. I was in for a double shock. The officer concerned could not spot the error. Even after it was pointed out, she could not realize it. Her Tamil teacher had probably not



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taught her the difference between “ர” and “ற”. I hail from Thanjavur

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District and my elementary school teacher would call the former “சிண்ண
ர” and the latter as “பெரிய ற”. Those from Tirunelveli region poetically
call them “குச்சி ர” “குண்டு ற”. This is certainly not body shaming the
letters. I have dwelt on this subject because the official communications
must be grammatically and linguistically correct. We are all concerned
about the fall in standards. We are not able to speak in chaste Tamil
without a liberal mix of English words. At least our written language
must be pure and free of errors.

4. My wife asked the residential Office Assistant to buy her some
articles. He got them and gave her the statement of accounts. The
balance amount was mentioned as “பக்கி” instead of “பாக்கி”. Recently, I
was dealing with a case of a student who had been involved in a
controversy. His counsel claimed that the petitioner had apologized in
writing. He passed it on for my perusal. The student had written that he
was only involved in a “வேக்குவாதம்” and nothing else. I should have
dismissed the writ petition for having given such a letter. Mercifully I
did not.

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5.I am conscious that those living in glass houses should not throw stones at others. The certified copies of the orders signed by the High Court Judges often bristle with spelling and grammatical errors. But as the immortal poet Bharathiyar said in a different context, it is one thing to maul and mutilate English language but murdering mother tongue is unacceptable.

6.Let me come back to the case on hand. I am satisfied that the petitioner's grievance should be looked into. The second respondent is directed to look into the petitioner's representation and take appropriate action. The meter in question shall be inspected and tested. If it turns out to be defective, new meter shall be installed. Action shall be taken in this regard within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7.This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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