



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

WP No. 23103 of 2026

and WMP Nos.25030, 25035, 25039 of 2026

Sri Visthara Renewables Private Limited,
Represented by its Director MR.V.S.Saravanan,
Kanaka Dhara - No.58/1, Giri Road, T.Nagar,
Chennai - 600017.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Tamilnadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPDC),
Represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, 10th Floor, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600002.
2. The Tamilnadu Green Energy Corporation Ltd., (TNGECL)
Represented by its Managing Director, 10th Floor, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.
3. The Tamilnadu Transmission Corporation Ltd., (TANTRANSCO)
Represented by its Managing Director, 6th Floor, TANTRANSCO Building, 10th Floor, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.
4. The Director/Technical,
The Tamilnadu Green Energy Corporation Ltd., (TNGECL), 144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.
5. The Chief Engineer/NCES (FAC)
The Tamilnadu Green Energy Corporation Ltd., (TNGECL), 10TH Floor, Wester Wing, NPKKR Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.



6. The Superintending Engineer
Non-Conventional Energy Sources,
The Tamilnadu Green Energy Corporation Ltd.,
(TNGECL), Tirunelveli - 627011.

7. The Superintending Engineer
The Tamilnadu Power Distribution Corporation
Limited (TNPDC), Nagapattinam Electricity
Distribution Circle, Nagapattinam.

..Respondent(s)

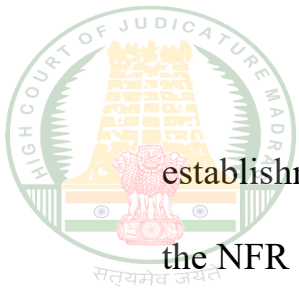
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, pleaded to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of 5th respondent's impugned letter dated 30.05.2026 bearing no.CE/NCES/SE/Solar/EE/SCB/F.Instruction/D.No.2638/26 and quash the same as arbitrary, illegal and contrary to section 10(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and consequently direct the 2nd to 5th respondent to permit the petitioner for the establishment of the 5MW Solar Power Plant by the petitioner company as per the NFR letter issued by the 4th respondent dated 13.04.2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. M.Suresh Kumar,
for M/s.U.Baranidharan

For Respondent(s): Mr. D.R.Arunkumar, St. Counsel

ORDER

The writ petition is filed challenging the impugned letter dated 30.05.2026 and to direct respondents 2 to 5 to permit the petitioner for the



establishment of the 5MW Solar Power Plant by the petitioner company as per the NFR letter issued by the 4th respondent dated 13.04.2026.

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2. Learned counsel for petitioner would submit that under similar circumstances, this Court in W.P. No.20947 of 2026 vide order dated 04.06.2026, issued the following directions and that the same directions may be issued in these writ petitions:

“The writ petition is filed challenging the Circular Memo No.CE/NCES/SE/SOLAR/Connectivity/D.No.2428/2026 dated 27.05.2026 and consequently direct the 6th and 7th respondent to energise the petitioners 2 MW Power Plant by providing connectivity to the 110/33-11KV Poriayar SS at the 33KV level and direct the 7th respondent to execute an energy wheeling agreement under group captive scheme.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit as under:

a) 4th Respondent vide letter dated 20.04.2026 directed Petitioner to commission and synchronize solar power plant with the Respondents grid.

b) Petitioner commissioned 2 MW Solar PV plant after obtaining / clearing the following approvals / tests:

i) Letter issued by Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) dated 21.11.2025 with regard to payment of registration fees and other charges;

ii) Vendor receipt issued by TNGECL dated 25.11.2025.

iii) Proceedings dated 29.11.2025 issued by the 5th



respondent regarding confirmation of registration of petitioner application;

iv) Load flow study report issued by the respondent dated 29.01.2026;

v) Letter dated 18.04.2024 from the respondent with regard to balance 50% security deposit.

vi) CEIG safety certificate dated 20.05.2026 from the Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government in terms of Regulation 45(4) of the Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electrical Supply) Regulations 2023;

vii) JLDC data clearance test reports dated 12.05.2026 and 14.05.2026 issued by 2nd respondent for the solar plant with connectivity to the 110/33-11KV Poriayar SS at the 33KV level.

(c) However, when the plant was ready to inject solar energy into the Respondent's grid, the 5th Respondent has issued impugned circular dated 27.05.2026, wherein it is stated that no approval or signature shall be accorded to any applications for solar and wind connectivity.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner would further submit that he had invested huge sums in commissioning the above solar plant and have complied with the necessary statutory requirements. The impugned proceedings stalling energization would result in electricity generated getting wasted, inasmuch as technically, the solar panels themselves generate electricity once sunlight hits them even before they are formally energized before connected to a grid. Electricity is a national resource and it is in larger public interest, that such resource is not wasted.

4. Petitioner had also submitted a representation before the



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respondent on 21.05.2026 for grid tie-up approval, however the same was not considered by the respondents and the impugned order dated 27.05.2025 came to be passed.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the Board would submit that they may have to take instructions and would request that the matters may be heard finally.

6. At this juncture, learned counsel for petitioner would request that the 6th respondent and the 7th respondent may be directed to energise the petitioner's 2 MW Power Plant by providing connectivity to the 110/33-11 KV Poraiyar SS at the 33 KV level as an interim measure. Learned counsel for respondent would submit that the interim order be subject to the outcome of the writ petition.

7. In view of the above, 6th and 7th respondents are directed to energise the petitioner's 2 MW Power Plant by providing connectivity to the 110/33-11 KV Poraiyar SS at the 33 KV level as an interim measure forthwith. Post the matter along with W.P.No.20752 of 2026 on 22.06.2026. The interim direction shall be subject to the outcome of this writ petition. Registry is directed to post this matter on 22.06.2026 along with W.P.No.20752 of 2026."

3. In view of the above, the respondents are directed to energise the petitioners' power plant(s) by providing connectivity as an interim measure subject to CEIG Safety Certificate being furnished.



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4. The interim direction shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petition. Registry is directed to post these matters on 22.06.2026 along with W.P. No.20752 of 2026.

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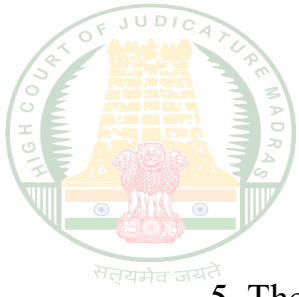
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