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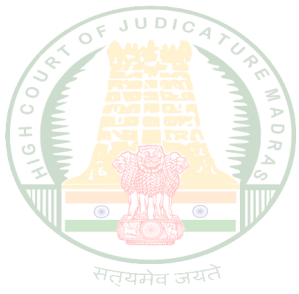
Order Dated : 02.03.2023

DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

Today Status Report has been filed by the Electricity Department. On perusal of the same, it is indicated that out of 44 electricity service connections sought to be disconnected as per the letter of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board dated 23.12.2022 only 32 connections were disconnected so far, remaining 12 connections have not been disconnected. It appears that notice for disconnection sent to the persons owning remaining brick klins.

2. We are at loss to understand as to why such notice is required.

When the Court has directed to disconnect all the illegal connections based



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In the status report filed by the Pollution Control Board before this Court on 10.01.2023, it is stated that 118 brick klins have been operated in the Coimbatore North and South areas and the electricity connection ought to be disconnected. The area wise details also find place in the status report and the names of the brick klins along with other particulars also given.

3. In such a view of the matter, as the illegal activities are being carried out despite the order of this Court, we are of the firm view that unless such illegal activities are arrested by disconnecting all the illegal connections, there will be no end for such illegal activities. The officials also seem to be not interested in taking any action. In such a view of the matter, we direct the Chairman of the Electricity Board to nominate the officers in the cadre of Executive Engineers and ensure that all the connections are disconnected by tomorrow (03.03.2023) itself.

4. The Assistant Environmental Engineer, Coimbatore shall accompany the officers of the Electricity Board Department and see that



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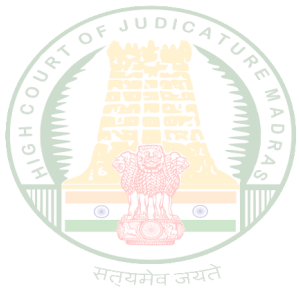
whether all the illegal connections have been disconnected. All the connections in the area as indicated in the status report as per the list furnished by them have to be disconnected and file compliance report by 06.03.2023 without fail. If any deviation in complying this order, we have no other option except to issue contempt notice to the Chairman of the Electricity Board.

5. In respect of Thadagam Valley where the brick klins have already been closed as per the orders of this Court, it is stated that even in the night hours taking advantage of the power supply, illegal activities are being carried out. In such a view of the matter, when all the Brick klins have been closed in Thadagam valley on the basis of the Order of this Court the other supplementary/domestic Electricity Connections allotted to brick klins also to be disconnected.

6. Post the matter on 16.03.2023

CLOSURE OF PITS

Regarding the closure of pits found in these fields, communication of



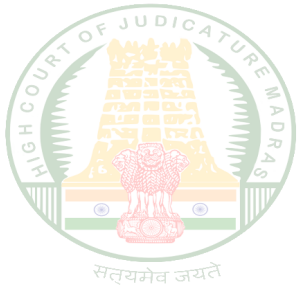
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the District Collector to the Special Government Pleader is placed before us, wherein it has been stated that totally 569 survey fields identified by the Village Administrative Officers concerned in patta and poramboke lands in Chinnathadagam, Nanjundapuram, Pannimadai and Veerapandi villages, sufficient slope/gradation is to be created in the dugout pits. It is further submitted that land reclamation survey has to be conducted involving experts to arrive at best possible way to mitigate the damages caused by quarrying so as to make the land fit for cultivation and three months time is prayed for completion of the said work.

2. As a matter of fact considering the work that has to be carried out for the restoration of environment, the experts appointed by the National Green Tribunal had suggested compensation. However, in exercise of revisional powers the said compensation was lowered which is now subject matter of the National Green Tribunal.

3. Be that as it may, since three months time is sought for, as a final opportunity, the said period of three months is extended and it is made clear



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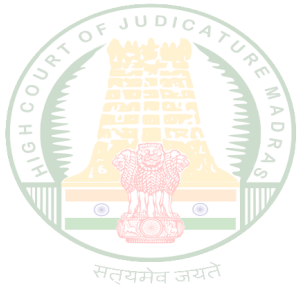
that the time is extended as last opportunity and no further time will be extended in this regard.

4. Post the matter on 08.06.2023.

(N.S.K.,J.) (D.B.C.,J.)
02.03.2023

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