



Writ Petition Nos.29952 & 29955 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED 29.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

Writ Petition Nos.29952 & 29955 of 2025

Pandiyaraj
S/o.Selvam

...Petitioner in W.P.No.29952/2025

Anandakumar
S/o.Selvam

...Petitioner in W.P.No.29955/2025

Vs.

- 1.Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd.,
(TANGEDCO), represented by its
Chairman (Superintending Engineer),
Namakkal Divisional Circle,
Near the Corporation Office,
Thiruchengode Road, Namakkal - 637 001.
- 2.The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd.,
(TANGEDCO), (Valayapatti),
Valayapatti Post, Mohanur Taluk,
Namakkal District - 637 020.
- 3.The Assistant Electrical Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd.,
(TANGEDCO), Operation and Maintenance (Valayapatti),
Valayapatti Post, Mohanur Taluk,
Namakkal District - 637 020.



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4.The Inspector of Police,
Mohanur Police Station,
Namakkal District.

5.N.Subramani
S/o.Nachimuthu
Old No.1/100, New No.1/155,
Andapuram.
Namakkal District - 637 020.

... Respondents in both W.Ps.

[R4 *suo motu* impleaded vide order dated 11.08.2025 made in
W.P.No.29955/2025]

[R5 *suo motu* impleaded vide order dated 29.08.2025]

Prayer:

W.P.No.29952 of 2025

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay a just and reasonable compensation of Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs only) to the petitioner for the death of his two minor children Sujith and Ivili in the electrocution accident on 07.04.2025 in Namakkal District, together with interest and costs, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

W.P.No.29955 of 2025

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay a just and reasonable compensation of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) to the petitioner for the death of his mother Elanjiyamin the electrocution accident on 07.04.2025 in Namakkal District, together with interest and costs, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.



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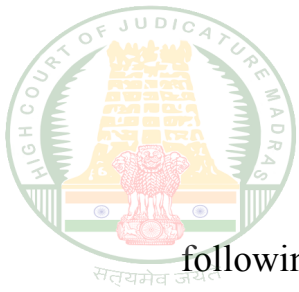
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For Petitioners : Mr.R.Nalliyappan
[in both W.Ps.]
For Respondents : Mr.S.Kalaiselvan
[in both W.Ps.] Standing Counsel [R1 to R3]
Mr.V.Meganathan
Government Advocate [Crl.side] [R4]

COMMON ORDER

N.Subramani S/o.Nachimuthu, Old No.1/100, New No.1/155,
Andapuram, Namakkal District - 637 020, is *suo motu* impleaded as the fifth
respondent in these writ petitions.

2. It is evident from the status report filed by the police that a First Information Report has been registered in Crime No.81/2025, initially under Section 194 of BNSS. Later, it has been altered to Section 106(1) of BNS. One Subramani has been made as an accused person since it is because of his negligence, the accident took place. He has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. It is stated in the report that a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- will be provided for each of the deceased from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The third respondent has filed a status report. The third respondent has taken the



following stand:

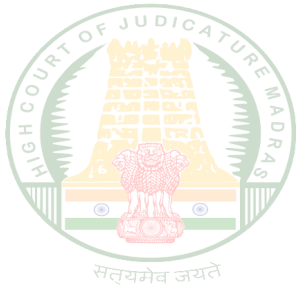
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"In the Namakkal Electricity Distribution Circle, Mohanur Sub-Division, formerly the Mohanur Rural O&M Section and now the Chandragiri O&M Section, Horticulture service No.231-004-498, 5HP was provided to Thirumathi.N.Poondiyammal, Andapuram in Survey No.177/1A on September 15, 2011. This service was later transferred to Thiru.N.Subrmani, Andapuram on August 29, 2024.

On April 7, 2025 at approximately 4:30 PM, a report was received from Andapuram consumers stating that an electrical accident had occurred to (i) Thirumathi.Elanchiyam, (ii) Selvan.Sujith, and (iii)Selvi.Ivizhi. Following this report, the site was inspected. It was found that the casualties were electrocuted by touching the normal steel fence, which was very close to the service pole inside the consumer's premises.

The normal steel fence had an electrical leakage from the damaged consumer wiring of the Horticulture service connection box, which is mounted on the service pole. This incident occurred due to the improper maintenance of the consumer's wiring on his premises, not due to the snapping of an overhead live conductor from the TNPDC network. Therefore, the affidavit of this petition is strongly opposed."

3. It is clear from the above status report that the third respondent has put the entire blame on one N.Subramani, who had erected steel fence, which was very close to the service pole inside the consumer's premises. Therefore, the electrical leakage has taken place only from the damaged consumer wiring for which the electricity department was not responsible.

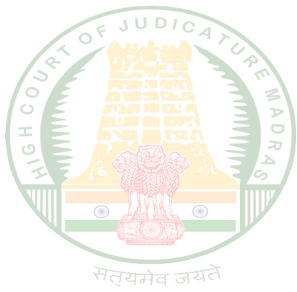


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4. Learned counsel for petitioners submitted that the compensation that is paid out of the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is very nominal and that the petitioners are entitled for calculation of compensation by applying the multiplier method.

5. In the considered view of this Court, final orders can be passed in these writ petitions only after hearing the parties, particularly, the impleaded fifth respondent. This is in view of the fact that payment of compensation has to be determined and the person, who has to pay compensation must also be determined. Therefore, for the present, a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- for each of the deceased (totally Rs.6,00,000/-) shall be paid to the petitioner within a period of four (4) weeks from today. The balance compensation amount claimed by the petitioners will be decided at the time of final hearing.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to take private notice to the impleaded fifth respondent returnable by 12.09.2025.



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Post these writ petitions on 12.09.2025.

29.08.2025

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To

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