



RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT-2005

## **TAMILNADU INFORMATION COMMISSION**

No.2, Thiyagaraya Road, Teynampet,  
Chennai 600 018. Tel: 24357580

**DATE OF ORDER – 16.02.2015**

**PRESENT**

**Thiru S.F. AKBAR, B.Sc. B.L.,  
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

**Case No. 4352/Enquiry/F/2015**

Thiru G.Vanan,  
Door No.3/305, 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Bharathiar Nagar, Nagamalai Post,  
Madurai-625 019.

**.. APPELLANT**

The Public Information Officer/Executive Engineer,  
TANGEDCO, Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle,  
K.Pudur, Madurai-625 007.

**.. PUBLIC AUTHORITY**

----

### **ORDER**

The appellant Thiru G.Vanan is present. The Public Authority is represented by Thiru P.Palanisamy, Executive Engineer (General), TANGEDCO, Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle, K.Pudur, Madurai-7 and Thiru S.Maharajan, Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO, Tirumangalam.

2. The Petitioner has sought for certain information in his petition dated 31.10.2013 filed under Section 6(1) of the R.T.I. Act regarding three Electricity Service Connections bearing Service Connection Nos.05-131-012-259, 05-131-012-260 and

05-131-012-562 which stand in the name of Devadason. He has also asked for the entire history of records for the above said three connections, such as bill paid, service connection, name change, etc., for the period from 1984 to 2013. The Public Information Officer/Executive Engineer, TANGEDCO, Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle, Madurai has transferred the 6(1) petition to the Executive Engineer/PIO, Tirumangalam under Section 6(3) of the Act. The PIO, TANGEDCO, Tirumangalam has given reply for certain items. Not being satisfied with the reply, the appellant has preferred a First Appeal dated 30.11.2013 under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act to the First Appellate Authority/Chief Engineer, Madurai Regional Office. The First Appellate Authority by his letter dated 18.01.2014 has furnished information for the left out items. However, the appellant has preferred this Second Appeal dated 31.01.2014 under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act stating that the information is incomplete and the said appeal has been taken up for enquiry today (16.02.2015).

3. In the course of enquiry today, the Public Authority states that the petitioner is asking for information regarding three service connections, of which two service connections have been dismantled and so far as the remaining one live connection is concerned, information have already been furnished to the petitioner and the petitioner would not dispute the factum of furnishing the information. As regards the other two dismantled service connections, the Public Authority also states that the records are not traceable. This is no information in the eye of law. The Public Authority will be duty bound to either furnish the information or if the information is not available, he is bound to explain, as to why the information is not available. If information have been destroyed by efflux of time, then it should be substantiated that destruction took place in accordance with the rules. Thus, the Public Authority is certainly bound to furnish the information asked for by the petitioner. However, the petitioner cannot make such a generalized appeal for information; he is expected to be very precise and definite about the information which he is asking for. The petitioner shall put it in writing as to the information which he needs and submit it to the Public Authority for his consideration. The Public Authority shall make every effort to ensure that the information which the appellant is asking for are gathered from the records and

then furnished to the petitioner, of course, subject to the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. In the course of enquiry today, the petitioner states that his mother is a party to certain civil proceedings pending before the Civil Court in which, the opposite side is none other than his mother's brother and for the purpose of the case, the information are required. **The Public Authority shall furnish the information within one month from the date of receipt of this order free of cost by registered post with acknowledgement under section 7(6) of the RTI Act and report compliance to this Commission immediately.**

**Sd/- (S.F.AKBAR)  
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

**-/By Order of the Commission/-**

**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

**Case No. 4352/Enquiry/F/2015**

To

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY:**

The Public Information Officer/Executive Engineer,  
TANGEDCO, Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle,  
K.Pudur, Madurai-625 007.

The Public Information Officer/Executive Engineer,  
TANGEDCO, Madurai Electricity Distribution Circle,  
Tirumangalam, Madurai District.

**APPELLANT:**

Thiru G.Vanan,  
Door No.3/305, 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Bharathiar Nagar, Nagamalai Post,  
Madurai-625 019.

\*jb\*