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ABSTRACT

Energy Dept - Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission
Thiru A.V.Ragunathan, Deputy Director (Legal-I), Tamil Nadu
Electricity Regulatory Commission Appointment as Director (Legal)
Grade-II on promotion - Orders - Issued.



ENERGY (D2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No. 66

Dated: 26.07.2023

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2054
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Read:

- 1) G.O.(Ms.)No. 80, Energy (A1) Dept. dated. 19.8.2002.
- 2) Govt. Lr.No.2437/D/2015-2, Energy (D) Department, dated.12.02.2017.
- 3) From the Secretary, TNERC, letter No.835/SECY/AS/TNERC/F.ADMIN/D.No.363/2023, dated.21.03.2023.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued sanctioning regular staff to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission and terms and conditions for the posts sanctioned along with the qualification and experiences for the post sanctioned were also prescribed.

2. In the Govt. letter second read above, instructions were issued to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, among others, that any relaxation of the educational qualifications or experience or any other service conditions pertaining to all the posts in the Commission shall be done only with the prior approval of the Government and all Govt. orders issued from time to time in the manner of recruitment and service conditions shall also be followed by the Commission in addition to the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Order first read above.

3. In the letter third read above, the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has stated that Thiru A.V.Ragunathan, who is presently working as Deputy Director (Legal) Grade-I and Director (Legal) in charge was absorbed into the services of the Commission as Assistant Director (Legal) from the services of his former employer viz., the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Ltd (TIIC Ltd) on 17.07.2006. As an

Assistant Director (Legal), he was looking after all legal aspects and functions relating to receipt of petitions in the Commission, drafting counter affidavits, memorandum of reply in regard to Writ Petitions before the High Court, Special Leave Petitions / Civil Appeals filed before the Supreme Court and appeals filed before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity against the orders passed by the Commission. Later on, Thiru A.V. Ragnathan, vide his representation dated 15-03-2011 requested the Commission to promote him to the post of Deputy Director (Legal) from the post of Assistant Director (Legal) after completion of five years in the rank of Assistant Director (Legal). The officer concerned was promoted to the post of Deputy Director (Legal) Grade I in the year 2011 based on his performance in the rank of Assistant Director (Legal).

4. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has stated that Thiru. A.V. Raghunathan, Deputy Director (Legal) (Grade-1) in his representations dated 11-10-2021 & 06-02-2023 has requested to promote him to the post of Director (Legal) from Deputy Director (Legal) (Grade-1). The said individual possesses a degree in Master of Law issued by the University of Madras in June, 2009. The Secretary has stated that the Commission has already resolved to promote Thiru A.V. Ragnathan, Deputy Director (Legal)/Director (Legal) in-charge to the post of Director (Legal) vide note order dated 25-10-2021 consequent to his representation dated 17-8-2021 seeking promotion to the said post considering his experience as Law Officer in the Commission in the rank of Assistant Director and Deputy Director (Legal) Grade 1. The officer concerned has also been designated as Director (Legal) incharge vide proceedings No. 1906/TNERC/Admin/2014 dated 17.8.2021 and has been officiating in the said capacity for a period of about 1 and ½ years since then. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has therefore sought for the orders of the Government for promotion of Thiru A.V. Ragnathan, Deputy Director (Legal) Grade – II to Director (Legal) Grade I.

5. As per the orders issued in G.O.(Ms).No.80, Energy Department, dated 19.08.2002, the following qualifications have been prescribed for the post of Director (Legal):-

- Master Degree in Law from any recognised University.
- Eligible to practice Law.
- 20 years experience in Central/ State/ Public Sector undertaking as Legal Advisor
- Specialisation on the subjects of Commercial Law.

In the instant case, Thiru A.V. Ragnathan, Deputy Director (Legal) Grade-I possesses the requisite educational qualification viz., M.L for appointment to the post of Director (Legal). However, from the service details provided by the Commission it is seen that the

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(from 17.07.2006 to till date). The Government Order first read above stipulates 20 years of experience as Legal Advisor. As per the conditions prescribed in the said Government order for the post of Director (Legal), if there is a need to compromise on the experience / qualification etc. such candidates can be accommodated in Grade II of the same post.

6. The Government, after careful consideration, have decided to permit the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission to promote Thiru A.V. Rangunathan, Deputy Director (Legal) Grade I, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission to the post of Director (Legal) Grade II, instead of Grade-I, as proposed by its Secretary since the individual has possessed experience of around 17 years only in the legal wing of the Commission and order accordingly.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**BEELA RAJESH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
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The Accountant General (Audit),
Tamil Nadu, Chennai-18.
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