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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : WP(C)/6293/2024

SADIQUL ALAM HAZARIKA
SON OF LATE SAMSUL ALAM HAZARIKA,
RESIDENT OF FLAT NO.301,
LUIT APARTMENT, ISLAMPUR,
P.O.- ULUBARI, P.S.- PALTANBAZAR,
DISTRICT- KAMRUP(METRO), ASSAM.

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 4 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM,
POWER (ELECTRICITY) DEPARTMENT,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006,
DISTRICT- KAMRUP(METRO), ASSAM.

2:ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (APDCL)
4TH FLOOR
BIJULEE BHAWAN

PALTANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-1

DISTRICT- KAMRUP(METRO)
ASSAM

REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN.

3:THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (APDCL)
4TH FLOOR
BIJULEE BHAWAN

PALTANBAZAR
GUWAHATI-1

DISTRICT- KAMRUP(METRO)
ASSAM.

4:THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (APDCL)
JORHAT ELECTRICAL CIRCLE

BIDYUT BHAWAN
NA ALI

JORHAT- 785001
DISTRICT- JORHAT

ASSAM.

5:THE AREA MANAGER
ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (APDCL)
JORHAT ELECTRICAL CIRCLE

BIDYUT BHAWAN
NA ALI

JORHAT- 785001
DISTRICT- JORHAT

ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. R BORPUJARI, MRS DIPANJALI BORPUJARI

Advocate for the Respondent : SC, APDCL,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MICHAEL ZOTHANKHUMA

ORDER

29.11.2024

Heard Mr. R. Borpujari, learned counsel for the petitioner, who submits that the petitioner had installed sub meters in his "Hotel Grand Palace" located at B.G. Road, Jorhat, Assam. The grievance of the petitioner is that there is a

mismatch in the reading of the main electricity meter of Hotel Grand Palace, vis-a-vis, the sub meters that has been installed therein. He submits that despite various representations to the authorities for verifying the mismatch of the electricity meter readings, the respondents have not acted upon the petitioner's applications till date.

2. Mr. K.P. Pathak, learned counsel for the APDCL, on the other hand, submits that in respect of matters relating to complaints regarding meter readings and electricity bills, there is an efficacious alternative remedy available, in terms of the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Redressal of Consumer Grievances) Regulations, 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the '2022 Regulations'). He submits that in terms of the above Regulations, the petitioner can approach the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) with regard to his grievance and the same would be decided by the concerned authority.

3. In view of the fact that there is an efficacious alternative remedy available in terms of the 2022 Regulations, this Court is of the view that the petitioner should approach the concerned CGRF, who should thereafter look into the petitioner's grievances at the earliest.

4. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant