

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.23243 of 2011
Date of decision: 26.08.2016**

M/s Sachdeva & Sons Rice Mills Ltd.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Punjab State Electricity Board and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr. Naveen Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Vaneet Soni, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Taunque, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 4.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the very outset, fairly states that the petitioner undertakes to deposit 10% of the balance amount, as directed by the competent authority, within a period of two weeks from today and the Ombudsman Electricity, Punjab, Chandigarh may be directed to decide his appeal on merits.

Faced with the above, learned counsel for the contesting respondents also fairly submits that had the petitioner shown his bonafide by depositing 10% of the balance amount, as directed by the competent authority, his appeal would have been decided on merits by the appellate authority i.e. Ombudsman Electricity, Punjab, Chandigarh.

In view of the above, present writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to the Ombudsman Electricity, Punjab-respondent No.2 that if the petitioner approaches him along with appropriate receipt of deposit of 10% balance amount within a period of two weeks from today, as undertaken on behalf of the petitioner, appeal of the petitioner shall be considered afresh and decided on merits. It goes without saying that since the matter is hanging fire for quite some time, Ombudsman Electricity, Punjab-respondent No.2 shall decide the appeal of the petitioner at an early date, by passing appropriate order thereon, strictly in accordance with law.

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, present writ petition stands disposed of.

26.08.2016
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[RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No