

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

CWP No.23366 of 2014
Date of Decision:30.10.2015

Bahadur Singh and another

. . . .Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAKESH KUMAR JAIN

Present: Mr.R.S. Duggal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr.V. Ramswaroop, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr.P.C. Goyal, Advocate,
for respondents No.2 & 3.

RAKESH KUMAR JAIN, J.

The petitioners had applied for agriculture power connections and paid requisite fee. After it was found that the petitioners are eligible for power connections under the 2.5 Acres Scheme, demand notices were issued to them and the petitioners deposited the demanded amount with the Board. The petitioners, thereafter, purchased submersible pumps and got the tubewells installed but the respondent/Board did not release the agriculture power connections. Hence, the petitioners have filed this petition seeking mandamus for the release of agriculture power connections

under the 2.5 Acre Scheme, launched by the Government of Punjab in the year 2013.

In reply filed by the respondents, it is averred that the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in OA No.9/2014 filed by Safal Bharat Guru Prampara Vs. State of Punjab and others, status quo has been ordered to be maintained on 19.3.2014 in regard to issuance of new tubewell connections. However, it is admitted that the OA No.9/2014 has been finally disposed of by the National Green Tribunal on 20.7.2015 issuing a direction to the State Government to issue necessary notification regarding restriction of power supply to the tubewell connection alongwith the timings and eligible criteria for the beneficiaries.

On the last date of hearing, learned counsel for the State had informed the Court that the process of issuance of notification in terms of the order passed by the National Green Tribunal dated 20.7.2015, is in progress. Thus, the case was adjourned to produce the copy of the necessary notification.

Learned counsel for the respondents/State of Punjab has produced a notification dated 14.10.2015, issued by the Department of Power (Energy Branch), wherein the Governor of Punjab has pleased to notify the schedule of power supply to the Agriculture Pump set connections in the State as per the different crops/seasons. It is also submitted that after the issuance of this notification, power connection will be issued to the petitioners.

In view of the aforesaid discussion, the present writ petition is hereby disposed of with the direction to the State/respondents to issue agriculture power connections

expeditiously to the petitioners in terms of notification No.1/33/08-EB(PR)/683 dated 14.10.2015 issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Power (Energy Branch).

30.10.2015

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**(RAKESH KUMAR JAIN)
JUDGE**