

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A.V. SESA SAI

WRIT PETITION No.14997 of 2017

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for the following relief:

“to issue a Writ, one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in issuing the bill bearing No.216M1-1240, pertaining to Service No.1431080009000762, under category 2, Jegurupadu village, KadiamMandal, East Godavari District for Rs.19,823/-, dt.11-4-2017, to the petitioner, is illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the provisions of Electricity Act, 2003 and the Regulations made thereunder and consequently direct the respondents to withdraw the same and pass such other order or orders as are deemed fit and proper.”

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents.

It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the respondents issued the impugned bill for excess amount and the petitioner is running a petty cool drinks shop only.

On the other hand, it is submitted by the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents that the petitioner has alternative remedy of approaching the Consumer Grievance Cell under the Regulations.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents, this Court is of the opinion that the ends of justice would be met if the petitioner is permitted avail the alternative remedy before the Consumer Grievance Cell.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of keeping it open to the petitioner to approach the Consumer Grievance Cell within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Till then, the respondents are directed not to take any coercive action in respect of the service connection of the petitioner.

Miscellaneous petitions pending consideration, if any, in this case shall stand closed in consequence. No order as to costs.

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A.V. SESA SAI, J

April 25, 2017

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