

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CWP No.6019 of 2014

Date of decision: September 18, 2017

Managing Director, UHBVN & others

...Petitioners

Versus

Raj Kumar Taneja

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Neeraj Januha, Advocate for

Mr. P.S. Sullar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Lajpat Sharma, Advocate for the respondent.

Rajan Gupta, J.

Petitioners have prayed for a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing of Award dated 27.08.2013, passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), Sonapat, allowing the application of the respondent and directing the petitioners to release electric connection within 15 days after completing necessary formalities.

Order has been challenged by the UHBVN on the ground that respondent had not deposited the penalty amount and thus, his request for installing new meter was rightly declined.

Plea has been opposed by counsel appearing for the respondent.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and given careful thought to the facts of the case.

It appears, respondent being in possession of the plot in

question at Delhi Road, Sonipat, owned by his mother, applied for a new connection to the petitioners on 20.03.2013. After checking the premises of the respondent, the officials of petitioners refused to release a new connection on the ground that outstanding amount of the electricity bills pertaining to the meter installed in the same premises bearing account No.SC-21-256 in the name of his real brother Harish Kumar, were pending. Aggrieved, respondent Raj Kumar Taneja filed application under Section 22-C of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 before Permanent Lok Adalat, Public Utility Services, Sonipat. The said Forum, vide order dated 27.08.2013, accepted the application with costs, directing the petitioners to release electric connection in the name of the applicant within 15 days after completing necessary formalities. I find no ground to interfere in writ jurisdiction. It is evident that the site of Harish Kumar and that of applicant, where he desired to take new electricity connection, are different. The Forum has, thus, rightly directed the petitioners to release electric connection in the name of the respondent. The petition is without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

September 18, 2017
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No