

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

(117)

CWP-6473-2017

Decided on: April 19, 2017.

Ranjit Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

Permanent Lok Adalat and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate, for the petitioner.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Against the demand of electricity bill of Rs.1,63,064/- vide notice dated 17.02.2016, the petitioner has already deposited a sum of Rs.1,03,532/- vide receipt dated 23.02.2016.

It is claimed that the assessment has been wrongly made regarding the consumption of electricity in House No.263, Advocate Society, Sector 49-A, Chandigarh.

The petitioner had approached the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), U.T. Chandigarh but application under Section 22-C (1) of the Legal Services Authority Act has been dismissed. Aggrieved by the said order, the petitioner has approached this Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and I am of the opinion that the petitioner having deposited substantial amount of the demanded amount, has got an appropriate legal remedy against wrong assessment by approaching appropriate forum under the Electricity Act and the other regulations applicable to the facts and circumstances of the case.

Since the petitioner has deposited major part of the alleged wrong assessment, the petitioner is relegated to the alternative remedy. The writ petition is disposed of as not maintainable.

Nothing said in this order or any observation made by the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) U.T., Chandigarh in Annexure P-9, would be considered adverse to the petitioner, in case the petitioner approaches the competent authority.

In case, the petitioner is in possession and has actually paid the amount required for entertaining the petition, it will be open to the petitioner to seek the restoration of the connection subject to payment of other charges of current consumption.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

April 19, 2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No