

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.11107 of 2015

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Sanjay Kumar, son of Late Raghubir Sharan Sinha, Resident of Gausala Chowk,
Aam Gola Road, P.S. Kazi Mohammadpur District- Muzaffarpur.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The Bihar State Power Holding Company Ltd., Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna through the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Patna..
2. The Chairman-cum- Managing Director, The Bihar State Power Holding Company Ltd., Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
3. The General Manager, The Bihar State Power Holding Company Ltd., Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
4. The North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. Patna, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna through the Managing Director.
5. The Managing Director, the North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. Patna, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.... Respondent 1st Set
6. The Essel Vidyut Vitran Muzaffarpur Ltd., Power House Chowk, Gobarsahi Road, Maripur, Muzaffarpur, District- Muzaffarpur through the Manager.
7. The Manager, The Essel Vidyut Vitran Muzaffarpur Ltd., Power House Chowk, Gobarsahi Road, Maripur, Muzaffarpur, District- Muzaffarpur.
8. The Commercial Manager, The Essel Vidyut Vitran Muzaffarpur Ltd., Power House Chowk, Gobarsahi Road, Maripur, Muzaffarpur, District- Muzaffarpur.

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : None

For Respondent-Company: Mr. Vinay Kirti Singh, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Vijay Kr. Verma,
Mr. Akhileshwar Singh, Advocates

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIKASH JAIN

ORAL JUDGMENT

Date: 19-11-2018

The present writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondent authorities to make correction of the electricity bill raised by the respondent 2nd set for the month of July, 2014 amounting Rs. 13,43,865/- for consumption of 236744 unit in a month against the petitioner being Consumer I.D. No. 102000037659 as also correction for subsequent month; and for connected reliefs.

2. As none appeared on behalf of the petitioner the matter



was passed over for a few cases. However, on repeat call the petitioner was again not represented.

3. Learned senior counsel for the respondent-Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited appears and relies on the counter affidavit to oppose the writ petition. In any event, it is pointed out that the petitioner ought to have approached the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and thereafter Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of his grievances against raising of the electric bill.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the respondents and on consideration of the materials available on record, this Court is of the view that the nature of the grievance of the petitioner may well be agitated before the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum as statutorily provided under Section 42(5) of the Electricity Act, 2005. It appears that the petitioner has not availed such statutory remedy and has straightway approached this Court seeking relief.

5. In the above view of the matter, this Court is not inclined to interfere in the matter. The writ petition accordingly stands dismissed with liberty to the petitioner to approach the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum, if so advised, in accordance with law.

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(Vikash Jain, J)

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