

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE P.NAVEEN RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.5761 OF 2019

Date: 20.03.2019

Between:

Baja Ramaraju, S/o. late Narsimulu, Aged about 48 years,
Occu: Agriculture/Business, r/o. Ramayampet (v) and
Revenue Mandal, Medak District, Telangana State.

.....Petitioner

and

The State of Telangana, rep.by its Prl.Secretary,
Electricity Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad and
others.

.....Respondents



The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Petitioner is aggrieved by the notice dated 06.03.2019 informing him of the provisional assessment amount levied on petitioner on the allegation of theft of energy, subject to determination of civil liability under Section 154 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act, 2003), and the criminal liability under Section 135 of the Act, 2003. The amount quantified is 99,358/-.

2. Since the issue is yet to be adjudicated under Section 154 of the Act, 2003, no opinion can be expressed at this stage on the demand made. However, in order to protect the respective claims, the respondents are directed to provide reconnection of power supply subject to petitioner depositing 50% of the amount assessed in the impugned letter and payment of reconnection charges. If petitioner complies with the Court directions and reconnection of power supply is provided, respondents shall not demand balance amount till the issue is decided under Section 154 of the Act, 2003. Reconnection and continuous supply of electricity depends on compliance of all other requirements. Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. Pending miscellaneous petitions shall stand dismissed.

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