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

**CWP-966-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision-19.07.2019**

Ajanta Singh and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. J.S. Khiva, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Randhawa, Advocate
for respondent Nos.2 to 4.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

This writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents not to shift the Agricultural Pumping Supply (in short AP) Tubewell connection from Urban Pattern Supply Feeders to Rural Pattern Supply Feeders.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that there are two patterns of releasing the tube-well connection(s). First Urban Pattern Supply Feeder and other Rural Pattern Supply Feeder. On the Urban Pattern Supply

Feeder, the electricity supply remains uninterrupted and on the Rural Pattern Supply Feeder, the electricity is supplied for 8 hours. The petitioners are having old electricity connections on their tube-well(s) on the Urban Pattern Supply Feeder which is sought to be shifted to the Rural Pattern Supply Feeder in pursuance to the instructions issued by the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited to all the Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineers dated 26.08.2016 not to release the new AP tube-well connections on the Urban Pattern Supply Feeders. Although their tube-well connections have not been shifted so far and they are still on the Urban Pattern Supply feeder but their apprehension is that by misinterpreting the letter dated 26.08.2016, they may not be put on the Rural Pattern Supply Feeder.

Learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 to 4 submits that in order to stop over-exploitation of ground water and in compliance of the decision taken by learned National Green Tribunal, New Delhi, exercise of the existing A.P. Tubewell connection running on the Urban Supply has been taken and a resolution and notification (Annexures R-I and R-II) have also been passed by the competent authority. The same is done to protect the interest of all the residents of the State of Punjab.

Heard.

Considering the fact that the connections of the petitioners are still running on the Urban Pattern Supply Feeder and resolution (Annexure R-I) and notification (Annexure R-II) have been passed on the orders of learned National Green Tribunal, New Delhi, the Court feels that the present petition deserves to be rejected, as the resolution (Annexure R-I) and notification (Annexure R-II) have been passed in the larger interest of the

State. Otherwise also, at this stage, it is mere apprehension of the petitioners that their connections may not be put on the Rural Pattern Supply Feeder and the same is ill-conceived at this stage.

In view of the above, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

19.07.2019

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No