

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

**CWP-42985-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision:07.01.2019**

Hira Lal & others	Versus	... Petitioners
State of Haryana & others		... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Naveen Kumar Jha, Advocate for the petitioners.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners who are 9 in number have filed the instant writ petition praying for a mandamus directing respondent No.3 i.e. the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited to release electricity connections in their favour.

Counsel for the petitioners has been heard at length.

Apparently, construction has been effected on forest area at village Khori. On a specific query having been put, counsel would concede that the construction effected by each one of the petitioners is not authorized.

The only ground to press the prayer in the writ petition and argued by the counsel is that the petitioners have been residing in such construction since long.

In view of the fact that the constructions effected by the petitioners is unauthorized and that too, in the forest area, the prayer made in the instant writ petition for release of electricity connection cannot be entertained.

Writ petition is dismissed.

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) Whether reportable? | Yes/No |