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WPA 9364 of 2021

Abdul Jalal
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and others

Mr. M. Salam Mollah
...for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Koley
...for WBSEDCL.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that, despite the petitioner having deposited the requisite amounts, the Distribution Company has not given a new electric connection to the petitioner, as per the petitioner's application, till date.

Learned counsel for the Distribution Company submits that considerable amount of Delayed Payment Surcharge is due from the petitioner.

As such, the connection could not be given due to non-payment of such amount.

In such view of the matter, since the law mandates that a Delayed Payment Surcharge has to be paid by the applicant at the rates as specified under law and the extant Regulations, there is no option but for the petitioner to deposit such Delayed Payment Surcharge prior to getting an electric connection.

WPA 9364 of 2021 is accordingly disposed of by granting the petitioner liberty to deposit the due Delayed Payment Surcharge to the Distribution Company.

If such payment is made within a fortnight from date, the Distribution Company shall give the new connection to the petitioner, subject to compliance of all other formalities, within a week after such compliance.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat copies of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)