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WPA No.18073 of 2021

Pali Ghosh
Vs.
The CESC Limited and others

Mr. Sanjib Seth

....for the petitioner

Mr. Debanjan Mukherji

....for the CESC Limited

Mr. Biplab Ranjan Bose

....for the respondent no.3

Mr. Benazir Ahmed

....for the State

Affidavit-of-service filed in court today be kept
on record.

The petitioner's grievance is that, despite having
applied duly, the CESC Limited is not giving new
electric connection to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the CESC Limited contends
that there is already an electric connection to the said
premises and, as such, there is a suspicion of splitting
of load in the event a further connection is given in the
name of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing for the private
respondent-landlord adopts such contention and

submits that the petitioner is already enjoying an electric connection from the existing meter.

Be that as it may, it appears from the representation given by the petitioner, annexed at page-30 of the writ petition, that there is a perceived threat that the private respondent-landlord shall disconnect such electric connection.

In view of the question of splitting of load having arisen, the petitioner is directed to approach before the Grievance Redressal Officer (GRO) for ascertaining the aspect of splitting of load and to decide on the issue upon hearing all the interested parties. The private respondent, being the respondent no.3 herein, shall not disconnect the electric supply to the petitioner's shop room till the matter is resolved finally before the GRO and/or, if a further challenge is preferred before the Ombudsman within limitation, prior to adjudication by the Ombudsman.

Accordingly, WPA No.18073 of 2021 is disposed of.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copies of this order, if applied for, be made available to the parties upon compliance with the requisite formalities.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)