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

CWP No.21471 of 2021

Date of Decision:26.10.2021

RUPINDERJEET SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD AND OTHERS

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr.Atul Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has preferred this petition for the issuance of writ of certiorari seeking quashing of order dated 17.08.2021 passed by Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) Sri Muktsar Sahib, whereby the application filed by the petitioner challenging the electricity bill dated 09.02.2016 for an amount of Rs.42,061/- was dismissed.

Perusal of the impugned order would show that petitioner is the consumer of electricity connection. Petitioner was served with a demand notice dated 09.02.2016 for recovery of the amount in question. The meter of the petitioner was checked on 24.10.2013 in the presence of the petitioner. The

enforcement party of the respondent-Corporation also checked the meter of the petitioner on 02.08.2013 and found that M.E. seals were broken. Directions were issued to replace the meter with new meter. Notice was also issued to the petitioner for replacement of the electric meter in his presence. Admittedly electric meter was removed in the presence of the petitioner and was sent to M.E. Lab. As per report of M.E. Lab M.E seals were found broken and body of the electric meter was found tempered with viz-a-viz CT circuit of electric meter. The report was also got signed from the petitioner. It was found to be a case of theft of electricity by the petitioner. Demand notice was served upon the petitioner on 14.11.2015 for an amount of Rs.44,100/- but the petitioner did not deposit the same. It was only after the audit conducted by the audit party, the demand notice for the amount of Rs..42,061/- was served upon the petitioner.

The factual details of the case could not be countered by the petitioner. No ground is made out to interfere with the impugned order.

Dismissed.

26.10.2021
Amandeep

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No