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W.P.A 1564 of 2022

Sahanaz Bibi
Vs.
Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation Limited and another
(Via Video Conference)

Ms. Sumitra Das
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Naba Kumar Das
...for CESC Limited.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that although the petitioner has no nexus with the existing consumer of electric supply in the premises at which the petitioner is residing, the CESC Limited has wrongfully been refusing to grant a new electric connection in the name of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the CESC Limited, by placing reliance on Annexure-P3 at page-10 of the writ petition, indicates that the CESC had specifically taken an objection to such supply on the ground that such independent supply might lead to splitting of load in connection with the existing electric meter and, as such, is not permissible.

However, since the writ court is not the appropriate authority to enquire into such factual dispute, it would only be proper if the petitioner is granted liberty to approach the appropriate forum for such purpose.

Hence, WPA 1564 of 2022 is disposed of by granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the concerned Grievance Redressal Officer of the CESC Limited with the grievance as based in the present writ petition.

On such reference being made, the Grievance Redressal Officer shall, upon giving appropriate and adequate hearing to all interested parties, decide such grievance in accordance with law, preferably within four weeks from the date of such reference.

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.)