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May 12, 2022.
MNS.

WPA No. 7215 of 2022

Kalipada Mandal and others
Vs.
The West Bengal State Electricity
Distribution Company Limited and others

Mr. Anindya Bose,
Mr. Tamaltaru Panda,
Mr. Diptendu Mondal

...for the petitioners.

Mr. Srijan Nayak,
Mrs. Rituparna Maitra

...for the WBSEDCL.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends
that, despite a written objection taken by the
petitioners, an electricity connection has been
attempted to be given to the respondent no. 6 by the
West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company
Limited (in short WBSEDCL).

Learned counsel for the WBSEDCL submits
that the personnel of the WBSEDCL attempted twice
to give such connection to the private respondent,
but could not do so due to obstruction raised by the
petitioners.

Since, under law, the concerned District
Magistrate is the appropriate authority to decide on
such issues regarding objections to giving new

electricity connections, WPA 7215 of 2022 is disposed of by directing the WBSEDCL to refer the matter to the concerned District Magistrate for resolution of the issue of objection taken by the petitioners to electricity connection being given to the respondent no. 6. Such reference shall be made expeditiously, preferably within one week from date.

Upon such reference, it is expected that the concerned District Magistrate shall decide the issue in accordance with law, upon giving adequate opportunity of hearing to all concerned, positively within eight weeks from the date of such reference.

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.)