

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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RFA-1773-2019(O&M)
Date of Order: 26.05.2022

NIRMAL SINGH

..Appellant

Versus

DAKSHIN BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Abhishek Jindal, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. R.S. Longia, Advocate for respondent.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

While deciding the two Regular First Appeals bearing case No.RFA-445-2021, titled as “Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and another Vs. Kulwinder Singh” and RFA-2330-2021, titled as “Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and another Vs. Vidyawati”, on 21.12.2021, it has been held that the Special Court constituted under the Electricity Act, 2003, does not have the jurisdiction to entertain and decide a civil suit or application under Section 154 of the Electricity Act, 2003, in absence of a criminal case. This Court has relied upon the judgment passed by the Supreme Court in **North Delhi Power Limited Vs. Devinder Singh and another, Civil Appeal No.20842 of 2017, decided on 04.12.2017.**

The learned counsel representing the parties are *ad idem* that the same legal issue arises in the present case.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present appeal is dismissed while observing that the suit for declaration and permanent prohibitory injunction and for mandatory injunction before the Special Court, is not maintainable.

The parties shall be at liberty to avail the appropriate remedy.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

May 26th, 2022

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No