

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

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RFA-2718-2021(O&M)
Date of Order: 03.03.2022

DAKSHIN HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM AND ORS.

..Appellants

Versus

ROSHAN LAL (DECEASED) THROUGH LRS.

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. B.R. Mahajan, Sr. Advocate
with Ms. Nikita Goel, Advocate
for the appellants.

Mr. B.S. Mittal, Advocate
for respondents.

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 is held that the Special Court constituted under the Electricity Act, 2003, does not have 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 a 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 appeal filed by the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and another shall stand allowed and the judgment dated 29.09.2021, passed by the Special Court constituted under the Electricity Act, 2003, in a suit for declaration filed by the respondent, is declared to be without jurisdiction.

The parties shall be at liberty to avail appropriate remedy.

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

March 03rd, 2022

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*