

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

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**RFA-3696-2018 (O&M)
Date of Order: 06.05.2022**

SUKHCHAIN SINGH

..Appellant

Versus

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD & ANR **..Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. K.S. Rana, Advocate
for Mr. Nishan Singh Chahal, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Advocate
for respondent-PSPCL.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

CM-8412-CI-2018

For the reasons mentioned in the application for condonation of delay which is supported by an affidavit, the application is allowed.

The delay of 20 days in filing the present appeal is condoned, subject to all the just exceptions.

CM stands disposed of.

Main

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 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 petition before the Special Court under Section 154 of the Electricity Act, 2003, 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 06th, 2022

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>