

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

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CWP-29264-2022

Date of decision: 19.12.2022

MANOJ KUMAR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Divtej Advocate for
Mr. Hitender Atri, Advocate and
Mr. Sanyam Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Kaushal, Advocate
for respondents No.2 & 3.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondent No.2 to restore earlier electricity connection bearing No. 3001591488 or to issue a new domestic electricity connection by installing the same in the name of the petitioner at his residence viz. House No.13, Street No.1, Preet Vihar Colony, Noorwala Road, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had been consumer of electricity at the aforesaid premises for a period of more than 10 years, however, on account of certain financial constraints he could not pay the electricity consumption charges consequent whereupon the disconnection of the electricity supply was carried out by the respondent-PSPCL and the

meter installed in the premises was also removed in the year 2019.

Counsel places reliance on the Commercial Circular No.21 of 2022 whereby pending arrears are claimed to have been waived. It is submitted that the petitioner submitted an application on 13.07.2022 alongwith the requisite fee prescribed and that despite the application have been filed, the connection has not been released.

Mr. Karan Kaushal, Advocate entered appearance on behalf of respondents No.2 & 3 and points out that the petitioner has alternative efficacious remedies in the form of espousing the grievance before the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and that the present petition in the given form would not be maintainable as the Court of first instance for redressal of the above.

In view of the aforesaid, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the present petition so as to take recourse his alternative remedies available in accordance with law, if so, advised.

Disposed of as withdrawn.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

DECEMBER 19, 2022

Vishal sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No