

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

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**CWP-29966-2022 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 23.12.2022.**

Bant Singh and others

..Petitioners

VERSUS

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.. Respondents

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

Present Mr. D.R. Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to not charge any electricity charges on the Agriculture Meter Connections issued to the petitioners for agriculture work.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners contends that the respondent Department has issued electricity consumption charges to the petitioner for electricity supplied for agriculture purposes and that as per the Sale Circular issued by the respondent Department, the petitioners are not liable to pay any such charges. He fairly concedes that the issue in question pertains to the energy consumption charges/bills raised by the respondent Department.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Kashish Sahni, Advocate, enters appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. She contends that the dispute in question is in relation to energy consumption charges/bills demanded by the respondent Department and that the petitioners have an efficacious alternative statutory remedies in the form of approaching the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum at the first instance and the Electricity Ombudsman as an appellate remedy.

In view of above, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners seeks permission to withdraw the present petition with liberty to take recourse to the alternative statutory remedies and/or any other common law remedy available to the petitioners in accordance with law.

Disposed of as withdrawn with liberties as aforesaid.

December 23, 2022.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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