

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.18544 of 2022

Uma Devi @ Uma Kumari Wife of Devendra Kumar, Resident of
Srikrishnapuri Colony, Ward No. 06 P.S. Jehanabad District Jehanabad.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd., Vidyut Bhawan Bailey Road, Patna through its Chairman.
2. The Chairman, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. Vidyut Bhawan Bailey Road, Patna.
3. The Managing Director, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. Vidyut Bhawan Bailey Road, Patna.
4. The General Manager (Revenue), South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. Vidyut Bhawan Bailey Road, Patna.
5. The Electrical Superintending Engineer, Electric Supply Circle Jehanabad.
6. The Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Supply Division, Jehanabad.
7. The Assistant Electrical Engineer (Revenue) Electric supply Sub- Division, Jehanabad.
8. The Junior Engineer, Electric Supply Cell, Jehanabad (W), Jehanabad.
9. The Chairman, Consumer Complaint Redressal Forum Chandauti, Gaya, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
10. The Chairman, Electric Regulatory Commissioner, Bihar.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Harsh Anuj, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Vinay Kirti Singh, Advocate
		Mr. Vijay Kumar Verma, Advocate
		Mr. Akhileshwar Singh, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. B. BAJANTHRI
ORAL ORDER

5 16-05-2023 In the instant petition, petitioner has prayed for the
following relief(s):-

*“1. That this is an application for
issuance of an appropriate writ(s), order(s)
or direction(s) to the respondents to
discharge the petitioner from the payment of
the amount of interest and also for a
direction to the respondents to charge only
the amounts of actual electricity Bill since*



payment was not made by the petitioner in time due to the fact that the matter was pending in different forums for final settlement of the grievance of the petitioner.”

2. Short question for consideration is whether interest on the Electricity Bill could be waived off or not. For belated remittance of electricity bill, the concerned Electricity Company is empowered to levy interest on the belated payment of bills. The petitioner has failed to point out any provision of law so as to waive off the interest levied by the respondent.

3. During pendency of the present petition, the respondent company proceeded to disconnect the electricity connection, if it is so, the same shall be restored by the Electricity Company – respondent subject to payment of interest by the petitioner. The petitioner is at liberty to pay interest as demanded by the respondent company within a period of one week from today.

4. With the above observations, present writ petition stands disposed of.

(P. B. Bajanthri, J)

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