

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

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CWP-568-2023

Date of decision: 12.01.2023

NARINDER PAL SINGH BINDRA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Davinder Lubana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G. Punjab.
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Anmol Puri, 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, 1950 for seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus to direct the respondents to restore the Domestic Electricity Connection bearing Account No. Z74GT745040A (Old), 3007115024 (new) of the petitioner at his Farm House at Village Dayalpur, District Mohali which is alleged to have been disconnected illegally, arbitrarily and without complying of the procedure of law.

Mr. Anmol Puri, Advocate appears on behalf of respondents No.2 & 3-PSPCL submits that the petitioner has submitted that there is no other alternative efficacious remedy available to the petitioner either by means of filing of an appeal or revision or otherwise which such assertion is incorrect inasmuch as the Punjab State Electricity and Regulatory Commission has already notified the Forum

and Ombudsman Regulation, 2016 on 26.12.2016 as per which the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and thereafter the Electricity Ombudsman are fully competent to look into the said grievance. It is thus submitted that the equally efficacious and alternative remedies are available to the petitioner under the statutory framework and he is under an obligation to take recourse to such remedies at the first instance.

Learned counsel for the petitioner thus seeks permission to withdraw the instant petition with liberty to take recourse to the alternative remedies available to him in accordance with law.

Disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

JANUARY 12, 2023

Vishal sharma

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