

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-9107-2021
Date of Decision: 17.07.2023

SADHU RAM

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ishnoor Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 4.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in the present petition is for issuance of directions to the respondents to release the electricity connection to the petitioner against the security deposited by him under the self-financing scheme and/or in the alternative to refund the amount of Rs.54,323/- deposited by the petitioner with the respondent-Department.

Reply on behalf of the respondents No.2 to 4 has been filed.

Paragraph No.7 of the same is extracted as under:

*“7. That as per latest policy issued by the respondent nigram, petitioner can be granted Agriculture Power Connection, so the petitioner can apply afresh and the said application can be considered. A copy of the latest policy dated 06.09.2019 is annexed herewith as **Annexure A-2/5.**”*

The counsel for the petitioner submits that he has instructions to state that petitioner would submit fresh application with the respondent-Department as per the latest policy dated 06.09.2019 as referred to by the respondents. He further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case the respondents are directed to consider the application if so submitted by the petitioner as per the abovesaid policy after adjusting the security amount of Rs.54,323/- already deposited by the petitioner.

Counsel appearing for respondents No.2 to 4 has no objection to the same.

Accordingly, with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that the petitioner may, if so advised, approach the respondents-Department for grant of Agriculture Power Connection as per the policy dated 06.09.2019. In the event of the petitioner moving such an application, the security amount of Rs.54,323/- already deposited by the petitioner shall be adjusted against the payable dues as per the said policy. The application, if so moved by the petitioner, shall be considered as per the said policy and the connection shall be released in case the petitioner fulfills the conditions and/or is found eligible otherwise.

JULY 17, 2023

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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No