

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-11111-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.09.2023

PANKAJ VERMA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Ramandeep, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Suresh Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. R.L. Sharma, Advocate
for the respondents No. 2 to 6.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for seeking issuance of directions to the official respondents to release the electricity connection which claims to have applied for the same in the month of May, 2021 (Annexure P-2).

An averment has been made in Para No. 12 of the present writ petition that there is no efficacious alternative remedy available to the petitioner. The aforesaid averment is not only wrong, but is also contrary to the specific statutory remedy prescribed under Electricity Act, 2003. Section 43 (5) read with PSERC Forum and Ombudsmen Regulations provides for specific remedy for redressal of the said grievance before the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and a statutory remedy of appeal before the electricity ombudsman has been

prescribed under Section 42 (7) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with the Regulations.

In view of the above, counsel for the petitioner does not press the instant petition so as to take recourse to the alternative remedies available to him in accordance with law.

Disposed of as not pressed with liberty as aforesaid.

Needless to mention that in the event of the petitioner filing a fresh appropriate petition before a competent forum, an expeditious decision shall be taken thereupon after granting an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

All the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, are also disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Vishal sharma

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