

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-19355-2023

Date of decision: 02.11.2023

MANMOHAN SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

PERMANENT LOK ALALAT AND ORS.

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Simar Bedi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed for seeking quashing of orders passed by Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Service) U.T., Chandigarh dated 25.05.2023 (Annexure P-1) and a further prayer to direct the respondents to restore the electricity of petitioner in House No. 1215, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh by reinstating electricity meter bearing No. CHSE185287Z.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had wrongly taken recourse to the jurisdiction of the Permanent Lok Adalat as it was an issue of billing dispute and not a supply dispute. The jurisdiction of Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), in the matters of electricity are confined only to the supply disputes and not to the billing disputes which such disputes are to be decided by the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum under Section 42 (5) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the remedy prescribed thereunder. He thus does not press the instant

petition at this stage with liberty to take recourse to the remedy provided under law.

Disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 02, 2023

Vishal sharma

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