

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

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CWP-9491-2014

Date of decision: 18.10.2023

NIKKA RAM

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Jatin Bansal, Advocate for
Mr. Manjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Mehak Sawhney, Advocate for
Ms. Samridhi Sareen, Advocate
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed for seeking quashing of the impugned notice of provisional assessment bearing No. 3501 dated 01.09.2008 (Annexure P-1) along with final order of assessment dated 03.11.2008 (Annexure P-2) followed by demand letter No. 244 dated 16.01.2014 (Annexure P-3) and subsequent proceedings, if any.

A request for adjournment is made on behalf of the petitioner. Counsel for petitioner was informed that the matter is being repeatedly adjourned since 06.05.2016 i.e. for last 07 years repeatedly at the behest of the petitioner and it seems that the petitioner is not interested in pursuing the present writ petition. He was requested to

argue the matter. He pleads lack of instructions. There seems no valid reason to adjourn the case which is now pending for nearly 9 years of which delay of 7 years is attributed to the petitioner himself. The circulation of slip thus seems only as an attempt to further delay the hearing since an interim order was passed in favour of petitioner on 16.05.2014. Finding no sufficient reason, the prayer for adjournment is thus declined.

Since counsel for petitioner pleads he has no instructions to argue the case, the present writ petition is dismissed for non-prosecution.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

OCTOBER 18, 2023

Vishal sharma

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