

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-17049-2023
Date of Decision: 07.08.2023

SURYALAXMI SPINNERS PVT LTD

... Petitioner

VERSUS

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD & ANR.

... Respondents

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

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

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Challenge in the present petition is to the impugned demand of the respondents pertaining to the recovery of outstanding electricity dues reflected in bill dated 18.07.2023 (Annexure P-9) amounting to Rs.71,96,086/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the respondents have arbitrarily revised the bill under the head of 'sundry charges' without affording any opportunity of hearing.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vivek Saini, Advocate enters appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2. He submits that the dispute in question is primarily a billing dispute for which an alternative efficacious remedy has been prescribed under statutory scheme of The Electricity Act, 2003. The Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum as well as the Electricity Ombudsman as stipulated under Section 42(5) and 42(7) of The Electricity Act, 2003 are fully functional Forums. The petitioner should, at first instance, exhaust his remedies which have been prescribed in law.

Faced with the above, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the present petition with liberty to the petitioner to take recourse to the alternative efficacious remedies available to him in accordance with law.

Disposed of as withdrawn with the liberty as aforesaid.

AUGUST 07, 2023
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No