

**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-28052-2018
Date of Decision: 06.02.2023

AJIT SINGH

... Petitioner

VERSUS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Subhash Chand, Advocate for
Mr. Pushpinder Kaushal Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Parminder Saini, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Parvinder Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to provide separate electricity connection to the petitioner, who is in occupation of the premises at Ist Floor, House No.H-383, Phase-I, Mohali as tenant, without obtaining any consent of respondent no.4- the landlord and on fulfilling of all conditions and depositing the requisite fee for the said purpose.

Learned Counsel for respondent No.4- the landlord submits that the present petition is not maintainable since the petitioner has an alternative efficacious remedy in approaching Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum for redressal of his grievances as per the statute.

The learned counsel for the petitioner does not controvert the same.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of as withdrawn with liberty to the petitioner to file an appropriate petition before the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum under Section 42(5) of Electricity Act, 2003 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder or take recourse to any other efficacious remedy. It is further directed that in the event of the petitioner filing any such application/petition before such Forum an expeditious decision shall be taken thereupon after affording effective opportunity of hearing to the concerned parties.

Disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

06.02.2023.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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