

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

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CWP-75-2023

Date of decision: 06.01.2023

PRADEEP KUMAR AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED AND ORS.

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Divij Datt, Advocate
for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider and decide the representation dated 06.09.2021 (Annexure P-2) for seeking release of electricity connection.

Learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the respondent-Distribution Licensee is obligated under Section 43 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to supply the electricity on a request being made and that in the absence of any impediment, the same has to be released in a time bound manner.

Taking into consideration that the petitioner has an alternative remedy to approach the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum under Section 42 (5) of the Electricity Act, as well as the second remedy of approaching the Electricity Ombudsman under Section 42

(7) of the Electricity Act, the present petition is not maintainable. The same is accordingly dismissed, with liberty to the petitioner to take recourse to the alternative remedy available to him in accordance with law.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

JANUARY 06, 2023

Vishal sharma

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