

22nd March,
2024
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C.P.A.N 246 of 2023
In
WPA 18350 of 2022

Sahaban Sekh
Vs.
Ajoy Halder

Mr. Arindam Chattopadhyay
Ms. Lipika Chatterjee

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Debjit Mukherjee
...for the alleged contemnor/WBSEDCL.

1. Learned counsel for the alleged contemnor submits, upon seeking pardon for the contemnor having previously failed to construe the order in proper perspective, that now separate bills are being issued to the petitioner for current charges and outstanding dues.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a poor farmer and has suffered in the hands of the WBSEDCL unnecessarily due to prolonged inclusion of the outstanding charges along with the current charges in the bills.
3. Be that as it may, since the alleged contemnor has sought pardon, such prayer is accepted.

4. As the alleged contemnor is now issuing separate bills for current charges and outstanding dues, I do not find that there is any further act of contempt.
5. Accordingly, CPAN 246 of 2023 is disposed of in the light of the above observations.
6. It is made clear that in the event the contumacious act is repeated, the petitioner shall be at liberty to bring it to the notice of the court by way of a fresh contempt application, in which case the court will take a much stricter view than the present one.
7. There will be no order as to costs.
8. Urgent photostat copies of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)