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**In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

W.P.A 17314 of 2024

**Sri Khudiram Bera & Ors.
-versus-
The West Bengal State Electricity
Distribution Company Limited & Ors.**

**Mr. Saibal Kumar Acharyya,
Mr. Pradip Paul,
Ms. Renesa Dey.
...For the Petitioners.**

**Ms. Susmita Chatterjee.
...For WBSEDCL.**

1. The petitioners are aggrieved by the order passed by the Regional Grievance Redressal Officer, Paschim Midnapur Region dated 31st May, 2024.

2. The impugned order records that if the petitioners are not satisfied with the order, they may apply before the Ombudsman. The petitioners instead of approaching the Ombudsman have approached this Court by filing the instant writ petition.

3. The Court is of the opinion that as there is a specific appellate provision, the petitioners ought to have approached the said forum first prior to approaching the writ court.

4. In view of the above, the instant writ petition is disposed of by granting leave to the petitioners to approach the Ombudsman for relief, if so advised.

5. In the event the petitioners approach the Ombudsman by 2nd December, 2024, then the Ombudsman will consider the appeal of the petitioners without pressing on the point of limitation.

6. The writ petition stands disposed of.

7. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)