

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 1769/2023

Inderjit Singh

.... Petitioner/Appellant(s)

Through:- Mr. Mandeep Singh, Advocate

V/s

Union Territory of J&K & ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through:- Mr. Amit Gupta, AAG

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SINDHU SHARMA, JUDGE

ORDER

05.02.2024

01. Petitioner by way of this writ petition seeks quashing of Letter No. SD-II/REV/98 dated 23.06.2023 issued by respondent No. 3 whereby the petitioner was directed to pay the dues within 15 days failing which power supply to the petitioner's installation will be disconnected for violation under 7.34 & 7.35 (Payments of Bill) of JERC Electricity Supply Code of Regulation 2023 for the UT of J&K. Further the respondents be directed not to disconnect the electricity connection of the petitioner's residential house under consumer ID No. 0102020026023 situated at 514/1 Narwal pain, Rani Bagh Jammu and other power Connection under Consumer ID No. 0102020032770 situated at Hotel Jammu Airlines, Opp. Airport Jammu.

02. The contention of the petitioner is that he had installed a service station by the name of M/s Jeet Service Station at Rani Bagh, opposite Airport, Satwari on a piece of land measuring 01 Kanal comprising Khasra No.314-min, wherein he had obtained an electricity connection bearing

Consumer ID No. 0102020014260, but has subsequently sold the same to respondent No. 4 on 25.03.2011 and the sale deed with regard to the aforesaid land was executed before the Court of Sub-Registrar, Jammu and the possession of the said land and service station was also handed over to respondent No. 4

03. The petitioner then approached respondent No. 3 by moving an application on 11.04.2011 for discontinuation of the above-mentioned electricity connection but the respondents have not acted upon the same till date, as a result, the electricity connection was never discontinued.

04. The respondents have issued the impugned notice on 23.06.2023 under Section 56 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for outstanding electricity dues for an amount of Rs. 36,66,955/- pertaining to consumer ID No. 0102020014260, failing which, the recovery proceedings will be initiated against the petitioner .

05. Mr. Amit Gupta, learned AAG has placed on record Order No. 06-JPDCL of 2022 dated 10.01.2022, whereby Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) has set up Internal Grievance Redressal (IGR) Cells for Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) to record and redress Grievances of the consumers in a timely manner. In terms of the said order, the grievances of the consumers relating to Electricity Bills, recovery of arrear, payment of demand raised by the licensee & others would be redressed by it within a period of seven working days. Copy of the said order is taken on record.

06. Keeping in view the fact that an efficacious remedy is available to the petitioner, this writ petition is disposed of with direction to the

petitioner to approach Internal Grievance Redressal (IGR) Cells for redressal of his grievances. In case, the petitioner approaches the IGR Cells, his grievances shall be considered and decided expeditiously.

07. The writ petition along with connected CMs stands **disposed of** as such.

(Sindhu Sharma)
Judge

JAMMU
Ram Murti/PS
05.02.2024

Whether the order is speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether the order is reportable	:	Yes/No

