

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-8639-2024
Date of Decision: 19.04.2024

SBS SCHOOLING FARIDKOT

... Petitioner

VERSUS

PSPCL AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Kulbhushan Raheja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Kharbanda, Advocate
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the electricity connection to the petitioner and further not to harass the petitioner in any manner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner could not controvert the fact that the dispute in question is with regard to issuance of electricity connection for which a statutory remedy in the form of Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum under Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 is duly prescribed. He, however, contends that the respondents have illegally denied the issuance of electricity connection to the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to pay the statutory charges for the alleged electricity connection.

As an alternative efficacious remedy under the Statute and the Regulations framed thereunder is already in place, counsel for the petitioner submits that he wishes to withdraw the present petition with liberty to take

recourse to the alternative remedy available to him in accordance with law and that the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum may be directed to expeditiously adjudicate upon the grievance of the petitioner lest the losses accrued to the petitioner on account of non-issuance of electricity connection are escalated.

The present petition is accordingly disposed of as withdrawn with liberty to the petitioner to approach the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum under the Act and the Regulations framed thereunder against the present cause of action.

Needless to mention that in the event of the petitioner approaching the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum, an expeditious decision shall be taken thereupon after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties and final order shall be passed expeditiously and preferably within a period of 06 weeks of receipt of certified copy of this order.

APRIL 19, 2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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