

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-16807-2017
Date of Decision: 11.01.2024

SURESH KUMAR AND ANOTHER

... Petitioner

VERSUS

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD & ANOTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. C.M. Munjal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to issue a tubewell connection forthwith which was claimed to be pending since 2010.

Reply on behalf of the respondents has been filed as per which the application for release of tubewell connection was submitted by the petitioner and the same was pending consideration for release of the electricity connection as per the seniority. It is contended that subsequently the area in question was declared as Dark Zone and the electricity connection could not be released. However, the electricity connection has since then been released in favour of the petitioner in the year 2022 and the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that he is entitled to interest on the amount that was deposited by him and which remained pending with the respondent-Authorities for an exceptionally long period while the stand of the

respondents is that the electricity connection has been released and the amount has been set off against the service connection charges to which the respondent-Distribution Licensee was entitled to.

Be that as it may, since the grievance espoused before this Court was primarily in relation to release of a tubewell connection and the said grievance having already been redressed, no further cause of action survives. The subsisting grievance, if any in relation to the entitlement of the petitioner qua interest on the amount that was deposited by him, may be agitated by the petitioner by filing an appropriate petition before a competent Court.

Disposed of as having been rendered infructuous, with the liberty as aforesaid.

JANUARY 11, 2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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