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Court. No. 25
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WPA 15511 of 2025

**Rajendra Ram Das
Vs.
CESC Limited & Anr.**

*Mr. Indranil Halder
Ms. Neha Singh*

...for the petitioner.

Ms. Suvasree Ghose

...for C.E.S.C.

1. The petitioner has filed the present writ application praying for a direction upon the respondents for providing new electric meter in the premises of the petitioner.
2. This Court has called for a report from the CESC. The CESC has submitted a report stating that during the inspection, it was found that the petitioner is residing in a very small room with his father and presently, he is getting the supply from meter no. 6095525 consumer no. 02235016003 standing in the name of his father. It is further stated that there are all together 25 meters in the existing common meter board and the landlords have strong objection against installation of another meter in favour of the petitioner.
3. The learned counsel for the CESC has relied upon Clause 18 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission dated April 2, 2013 wherein it is mentioned that in bustees, markets, etc. where it may not be possible to segregate one consumer from an adjacent consumer because of existence of a very large number of consumers in a relatively small premises,

and where because of multiplicity of the wirings of such a large number of consumers, there may arise fire and safety hazards, the licensee may effect supply of electricity to all the consumers intending consumers through a suitably located common meter of adequate capacity, to be known as a block meter.

4. The petitioner has filed exception to the report stating that he is not residing with the father. The petitioner is residing separately and he is not having electric connection in his premises. He has relied upon a judgment passed by the Larger Bench of this Court in the case of ***Abhimanyu Mazumder Vs. The Superintending Engineer and Another*** reported in **2011 (2) CHN** and submits that even the illegal occupiers are also entitled to get the electric connection.
5. Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.
6. Perused the materials on record and the report submitted by the CESC.
7. The specific objection raised by the CESC is that there are all together 25 meters in the existing common meter board and the landlords have raised objection against installation of another meter in favour of the petitioner. The authorities have stated that the petitioner is residing with the father and father is having the electric connection in his name. But the petitioner is denying that the he is not residing with the father and he resides separately.

8. Considering the above, this Court finds that electricity is an essential service and it is the specific case that the petitioner is not having the electric connection. Accordingly, the respondent no. 2 is directed to provide electric connection to the petitioner on compliance of all formalities within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of this order.
9. Accordingly, **WPA 15511 of 2025** is disposed of.
10. Urgent photostat certified copies of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all the necessary formalities.

(Krishna Rao, J.)