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W.P.A. No. 27980 of 2006

M/s. Bachhraj Pannalal

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C.E.S.C. Limited & Anr.

1. This instant writ petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking direction upon the respondents, their men, agent to provide electricity connection forthwith to the petitioner.
2. None appears on behalf of either of the parties. No accommodation is sought for. Even on the earlier occasion none appeared on behalf of the petitioner.
3. This case pertains to the year 2006. Almost 19 years have passed.
4. Considering the nature of prayer and long pendency of this case, this Court has taken up the record for its disposal on the material available on record.
5. Upon perusal of the record, it appears that vide a written letter being Reference No. 06/88990/06 dated 21.11.2006, the District Engineer, Howrah District informed the petitioner that some outstanding dues in respect of consumption of electricity were pending and are recoverable at the premises

where electricity supply is to be given. It is further informed that once the issue relating to the outstanding dues is resolved, they will intimate in writing the date of site inspection and if found suitable, the offer letter will be forwarded in due course.

6. In view of the above facts and circumstances, it seems to this Court that no purpose will be served in keeping the writ petition pending. Access to electricity is considered a fundamental right in India, derived from the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.
7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to approach the authority for connection of the electricity, if not already supplied and upon receipt of the application for supply of the electricity, the concerned respondent no. 2 shall dispose of the matter within 4 weeks thereof in accordance with law and supply the electricity immediately, if there is no impediment.
8. With the above observations, the instant writ petition being **WPA 27980 of 2006** is, thus, disposed of.
9. There shall be no order as to costs.

10. All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)