

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

2025:PHHC:044261



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**CWP-1300-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.04.2025**

Ankuj Rana & others

--Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI.

Present:- Ms. Amarjit Kaur, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab for
respondents no.1 to 4.

Mr. G.S. Sethi, Advocate for
respondents no.5 to 7.

KULDEEP TIWARI.J (Oral)

CM-4571-CWP-2025

Application for placing on record documents at Annexures P-12 to P-14 is allowed, subject to just exceptions.

Main Case

1. The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India specially in the nature of Mandamus for issuance of directions to the official respondents for implementation of Govt. of Punjab scheme for providing free 600 electricity units to the domestic users as per Commercial Circular No.19/2022, Memo No.233/238/SV-190 dated 23.08.2022 (Annexure P-1) and further letter bearing Memo No.481-506/Draft Franchisee Agreement, 2021 dated 04.05.2023 (Annexure P-2) to the petitioners and all other residents of Sushma Joynest MOH-1, Airport Road, PR-7, Village Chat, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

2. Upon notice in the instant petition, Mr. G.S. Sethi, Advocate caused appearance on behalf of distribution licensee i.e. respondents no.5 to 7-PSPCL. He, on instructions from Mr. Hemant Kumar, Executive Engineer, PSPCL, Zirakpur submits that prayer made in the instant petition has been rendered infructuous as the grievance of the petitioner has already been redressed. Counsel submits that initially respondent no.9, who is the developer, entered into first franchisee agreement with the distribution licensee on 01.07.2021, and at that moment the collective bill was being issued to the developer, and upon enforcement of the subsidy policy, the developer was required to enter into the fresh franchisee agreement, thus, enabling the distribution licensee has to step into their shoes, which was not done at an earlier stage, but now the second fresh franchisee agreement was duly executed way back on dated 29.07.2024. Thereupon, the relevant application was moved, and now the respondent-distribution licensee has stepped into the shoes of the developer on dated 03.03.2025 for the purpose of providing electricity, and today the first independent meter readings of the petitioners have been taken. It is further submitted that in account of the action taken by the distribution licensee, grievance of the petitioners has been addressed, as in future the scheme providing free domestic electricity units to the petitioners will be implemented.

3. In view of the specific stand taken by learned counsel for respondents no.5 to 7, no further direction is required to be passed in the present writ petition and the same is, accordingly, disposed of.

4. The petition is disposed of.

01.04.2025

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No