



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

208**RSA-705-2019 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 04.07.2025****Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited and others**

....Appellants

Versus

Chandi Ram

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. R.S.Longia, Advocate
for the appellants.

Mr. Navraj Goel, Advocate
for the respondent.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. The defendant-appellants/Nigam in present Regular Second Appeal has challenged the judgment and decree passed by the First Appellate Court whereby its appeal was dismissed, and the judgment and decree passed by the Trial Court in favour of the plaintiff-respondent was affirmed.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the defendant-appellants has submitted that the question of law involved in the present appeal as to whether jurisdiction of the Civil Court is barred in view of Section 145 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has since been decided by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in RSA-4181-2016, titled as *Mahesh Kumar Versus Sub Divisional Officer and another*, vide judgment dated 14.05.2025.



3. Learned counsel for the plaintiff-respondent does not dispute this factual position.
4. In view thereof, the present appeal is allowed, and the suit filed by the plaintiff-respondent stands dismissed on the ground of jurisdiction. However, the plaintiff-respondent would be at liberty to avail the remedies as available in law.
5. It is made clear that any evidence recorded/observations made in the impugned judgments and decrees would not operate as *res judicata* in any subsequent proceedings initiated by the plaintiff-respondent.
6. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

July 04, 2025
Varinder

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No