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CWP-2865-2021 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(104+218)

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Date of Decision : 18.02.2025

Prem Chand

...Petitioner

Versus

PSPCL and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Pritam Singh Saini, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shubham Thakur, Advocate and  
Mr. Alok Mittal, Advocate  
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. B.S. Seemar, Advocate  
for respondent No.4.

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**KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(ORAL)**

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Application for placing on record the copy of interim order as Annexure P-10, is allowed, as prayed for, subject to just exceptions, and the same is taken on record.

Application stands **disposed of** accordingly.

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1. Through the instant petition, as cast under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of mandamus upon the respondents, to restore the electricity connection installed in the residential house of the petitioner, stated to be situated within the *lal lakir* of the village



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Jayanti Majri/Majrian, Tehsil and District S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali.

2. The coordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 09.02.2021, at the time of issuance of notice of motion, had directed the distribution licensee concerned, to restore the electricity connection forthwith, maximum within a period of one week, from the date of passing of that order.

3. It is not in dispute that the interim direction issued by the coordinate Bench of this Court, vide order (supra), has been complied with. The instant petition has been contested by the learned counsel for the respondents-PSPCL, who raised the preliminary objection that the instant petition is not maintainable, as the petitioner has an alternate statutory remedy available with him. He further submitted that the civil suit is also pending adjudication with regard to the dispute regarding the ownership of the property, in question, and an injunction has been sought against the private respondent for not disconnecting the electricity connection. Similar objection has also been raised by the private respondent.

4. This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties concerned, and has gone through the record as well, and is of the considered view that the petitioner, for the purpose of restoration of electricity connection, at the first instance, ought to have approached the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) of the distribution licensee concerned. However, he has filed the instant motion, which is a premature motion, therefore, at this stage, this Court relegates the present petitioner, to approach the forum (supra), for the relief, as sought through the instant petition.

5. Consequently, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**.

6. However, in case, the petitioner files an apt motion before the apt forum (supra), within a period of four weeks, from the date of receipt of



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certified copy of this order/judgment, the interim directions, as issued by the coordinate Bench of this Court, shall remain in force, and thereupon, the forum (supra), shall decide the application for interim relief, on its own merits, without getting influenced by the interim directions, as passed by the coordinate Bench of this Court, which was passed keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case. However, the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) concerned, shall pass a speaking order, after giving an adequate opportunity of hearing to the parties concerned.

7. Pending applications, if any, stand **disposed of** accordingly.

**(KULDEEP TIWARI)**  
**JUDGE**

February 18, 2025  
Manpreet

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