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March 10, 2026.
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WPA No. 5345 of 2026

Aakash Libra Lights LLP & Ors.
Vs.
CESC Ltd. & Ors.

Mr. Tanoy Chakraborty
Mr. Shounak Mukhopadhyay
Mr. Soumyadeb Sinha
Ms. Abhismita Goswami
... for the petitioner

Mr. Subir Sanyal
Mr. Debanjan Mukherjee
... for the CESC

Mr. Chayan Gupta
Mr. H. Gangopadhyay
... for the respondent no. 3

Mr. Suddhasatwa Banerjee
Mr. S. M. Arefin
... for the respondent no. 5

This writ petition has been filed challenging a claim raised by the CESC Ltd. for a sum of Rs.1,01,96,465.52/- on account of purported additional security electricity charges for the period 17th February, 2010 till 13th November, 2024.

Briefly, it is alleged that the CESC Ltd. have arbitrarily and unlawfully raised the above demand against the petitioner.

By a communication dated 6th December, 2024, the respondent authorities had for the first time alleged that an incorrect multiplying factor has been applied for calculating electricity consumption since 2010.

On this basis, a sum in excess of Rs. 1 crore has accrued on the ground of unpaid electricity charges.

There is a serious question of disconnection of electricity under Section 56(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003, which has also been raised by the petitioner.

During the course of submissions, it is agreed by and between the parties that the entire amount of Rs. 1,01,96,465.52/- shall be paid in 100 equal monthly installments commencing from 11th March, 2026 and would continue to be paid on the 1st of every month.

Upon payment of the first installment, the CESC Ltd. shall reconnect the electricity connection to the petitioner.

This order is without prejudice to the rights of the petitioner to avail the statutory remedy and agitate its grievance before the Grievance Redressal Officer. The reconnection would positively be made within 24 hours after payment of the first installment. It is made clear that all issues are left open to be decided by GRO.

This is an arrangement pending any final adjudication by the Grievance Redressal Officer. It is clarified that the above arrangement has nothing to do with the payment of the regular bills,

which are being raised and duly payable by the petitioner.

It is made clear that the regular bills commencing from the month of April, 2026 shall include the above monthly installment amount.

With the above directions, WPA 5345 of 2026 stands disposed of. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to avail of the statutory remedy in accordance with law.

(Ravi Krishan Kapur, J.)