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WPA 25335 of 2026
Raj Kumar Thakur
Versus
CESC Limited & Ors.

Mr. Asif Hussain
Mrs. Sujata Choudhury
.....for the Petitioner

Ms. Soma Ray Chaudhuri
.....for the CESC

1. The petitioner who is a purchaser of part of the joint property, has filed before the respondents/CESC, an application for grant of a new electricity connection to his purchased premises. The petitioner's prayer has been turned down by the respondent authority vide order dated October 15, 2025 for the reason inter alia that, a separate service is already existing in the subject premises.

2. Learned advocate for the petitioner appears through virtual mode and submits that the stand taken by the respondent authority violates statutory provision as well as settled law, to grant connection to the settled occupier of the premises. He indicates that the petitioner is willing to comply with all the necessary formalities for obtaining separate electricity line, he being the owner by purchase and occupier of the premises.

3. Further it has been indicated that the petitioner and the private respondent reside in different premises, the premise number of the

respective portions being different. Therefore, according to the learned advocate for the petitioner, there may not be any cogent and justifiable lawful ground for the respondent authority to deny the petitioner's prayer for grant of new connection.

4. To this submission, the respondent authority represented by Ms. Ray Choudhuri, Learned advocate, has raised strong objection for the reason that since a meter board has already been installed in the concerned premises and the same is operational no new connection or relocation or separation of service is possible for grant of electricity connection to the petitioner.

5. Having heard both the learned advocates for the respective parties and perused the materials on record, it appears that undisputedly that portion of the property has been purchased by the petitioner and after mutation of his name as to the same, the petitioner now stands as owner and occupier of the said portion of the property. For an occupier the law has provided right for being granted with electricity connection as an essential service. In such circumstances, the respondent authority is obliged to grant electricity connection to the petitioner as prayed for, subject to fulfillment of other formalities by the said petitioner and technical feasibility.

6. At this juncture, the Court further considers that since a meter board is already functional in the

said premises, there should not be any reason to relocate the meter board for the purpose of grant electricity connection to the petitioner and the petitioner's new meter may be installed in the same meter board, subject to feasibility etc.

7. Hence, let this writ petition be disposed directing the respondent authority to inspect the concerned premise and grant electricity connection to the premises by installation of the electric meter, in the meter board already existing at the premises, subject to other technical concerns and compliance of all formalities by the present petitioner and payment of all the charges by the petitioner. The entire exercise as above should be concluded by the respondent authority within a fortnight from the date of communication of this order.

8. With the direction above, the present writ petition is **disposed of**.

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

10. Urgent Photostat certified copies of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all necessary formalities.

(Rai Chattopadhyay, J.)