WPA 29900 of 2026

Anima Adhikary
-vs-
13. 11.2026 WBSEDCL & Ors.

sl.no.03 Ms. Moumita Ghosh(VC)
ct.652 ….for the petitioner

Dr.Madhusudhan Saha Ray
Ms. Debanjana Dey
…for the WBSEDCL

1. Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.
2. The petitioner's grievance in the instant writ petition is about disconnection of her electrical line by the respondent authority in spite of due remittance by her 50% of the amount of final assessment made against her as per the final assessment order dated 12.10.2022.
3. Ms. Ghosh, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner through virtual mode has submitted that on the allegation of unauthorized utilization of electricity, the respondent authority has made final assessment of outstanding bills against the petitioner to the tune of Rs. 2,37,396/-.
4. It further transpires from record that on 20.04.2026, the petitioner has submitted before the respondent authority and it has duly received an amount of Rs. 1, 18,698/- as part payment of the amount in final assessment order.
5. In view thereof the objection raised on behalf of the respondent authority that the present writ petition may be barred by limitation, as the cause of action arose back in the year 2022 consequent upon issuance of final assessment order by the respondent authority stands to be not convincing enough. It clearly transpires that the respondent authority has accepted on part payment on 20.04.2026.

6. Record has further revealed that the rest of the amount though the petitioner is willing to deposit with the respondent authority, she desires that easy installments may be allowed to her.

7. The legal position is well settled in order the petitioner is be restored with the electricity connection, against whom the authority has made final assessment on account of alleged unauthorized utilization of electricity by him, in the manner that the said person has to bare with the entire assessed amount to get restoration of his electricity connection, earlier disconnected by the authority on account of pilferage etc.

8. In view of the settled legal position as above, the Court finds that the entire finally assessed amount to the tune of Rs. 2,37,396/- is payable by the present petitioner. The money receipt dated 20.04.2026 as annexed to the writ petition shows that 50% of the said amount of final assessment against the petitioner has already been deposited by her with the respondent authority.

9. In view of the factual background of the case as discussed above, it is found proper to dispose of the instant writ petition by directing that the rest of the finally assessed amount vide order dated 12.10.2022 of the respondent authority, shall be submitted by the petitioner in four equal installments payable on each successive calendar months, starting from the month of December, 2026, payable within the 7th days of the following month.

10. Since 50% of the finally assessed amount has already been deposited by the petitioner, let the respondent authority be directed to immediately restore connection to the writ petitioner, maximum within a period of seven days from the date of communication of this order.

11. Let it be mentioned further that the petitioner shall be liable to duly pay the bill for current consumption as would be raised by the respondent authority in due course.

12. In case of default by the petitioner in paying the installments or the current electricity consumption bill, the respondent authority shall be at liberty to take appropriate steps against the petitioner in accordance with law.

13. With the direction as above, the writ petition is disposed of.

(Rai Chattopadhyay, J.)