IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No. 36486 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010860272026

Abhisek Sahoo	***.....***	***Petitioner***
		Mr. S.K. Routray, Advocate
	-versus-	
Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited & Ors.	***.....***	***Opposite Parties***
		Dr. P.P. Behera, ASC
		Mr. L.K. Moharana, Advocate
		(For TPCODL)

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY
ORDER
12.11.2026

Order No. 02

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

3. Pursuant to order dated 10.11.2026, learned counsel appearing for the TPCODL, basing on the instruction contended that Petitioner is running a Hotel in the name and style "Hotel Sri Gobinda".

4. It is further contended that Petitioner has been provided with three electricity connections to all the three floors of the Hotel. But, on 21.10.2026, it was found that in all the three (3) floors, Petitioner is using electricity, by way of tampering. On finding that Petitioner is using electricity in all the three (3) floors of the Hotel by tampering, the provisional demand under Annexure-1 series

was issued on 22.10.2026 by holding the Petitioner liable to pay a sum of Rs.38,86,183.

5. It is also contended that Petitioner has already filed his objection to the provisional assessment and in consideration of the same the final assessment order will be issued.

6. It is further contended that since this is a case of tampering, in terms of the provisions contained under Section 135-A of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with regulation 163 of the OERC Regulation, power supply was disconnected on the very next date, of the inspection so made on 21.10.2026 i.e. on 22.10.2026. It is accordingly contended that power supply has been rightly disconnected on 22.10.2026.

7. Mr. S.K. Routray, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner to the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for TPCODL contended that the appropriate direction be issued to Opposite Party No.2, to take a lawful decision with passing on the final assessment order, considering the objection so filed within a stipulated time period and by giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

8. Having heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and considering the submission made, this Court while disposing the Writ Petition, directs Opposite Party No.2 to take a lawful decision with regard to the provisional assessment order issued under Annexure-2 series and pass the final assessment order, taking into account the objection filed by the Petitioner as expeditiously as

possible preferably within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of this order and by giving an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner.

9. It is however observed that if Petitioner without prejudice, deposits 50% of the demand so raised under Annexure-2 series and make an application to provide new meter, power supply be restored on such deposit of the amount and by accepting the required fees for such reconnection.

10. The Writ Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY)
Judge

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