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NC: 2026:KHC:60548
WP No. 33250 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010733232026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI

WRIT PETITION NO. 33250 OF 2026 (GM-KEB)

BETWEEN:

SMT. VIJAYALAXMI
W/O. NEELAKANTAIAH
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
R/O. NO.22, 4TH CROSS,
RAMANJANEYA BADAVANE,
CHIKKALASANDRA,
BENGALURU

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRAMOD KUMAR M., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
BENGALURU ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
CORPORATE OFFICE, BESCOM
KR CIRCLE,
BENGALURU – 560 001

2. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
BENGALURU ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
S-18, SUB-DIVISION,
CHIKKALSANDRA
BENGALURU -560 062

3. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
BENGALURU ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
COMPANY LIMITED S-18,

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

SUB-DIVISION, CHIKKALSANDRA
BENGALURU -560 062

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.LIKHITH R.PRAKASH, ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO BY ISSUING A WRIT OF CERTIORARI QUASHING THE IMPUGNED COMMUNICATION NO.24 DATED 18.09.2026 VIDE ANNEXURE – J GRANT AN INTERIM ORDER TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NO.3 DISCONNECT THE POWER SUPPLY TO THE SCHEDULE PREMISES I.E. NO.20 AND 23 OF AREHALLI, UTTARAHALLI, BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGALORE, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE LALITHA KANNEGANTI

ORAL ORDER

The present writ petition is filed seeking the following prayer:

"PRAYER

i. By issuing a Writ of Certiorari quashing the impugned communication ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಸಕಾನಿಇಂ(ವಿ)ಎಸ್–18/ಸಿಇಂ (ತಾ) 2026–27/821–24, ***dated, 18.09.2026 vide Annexure-J***

ii. To pass such other orders or to issue such other directions with exemplary costs as deemed fit in the facts and circumstances of the case in the interest of justice."

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner has purchased two sites bearing Nos.20 and 23 measuring 1200 sq.ft situated at Arehalli, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South by way of a registered sale deed dated 07.10.2020. Petitioner's father-in-law was in need of separate residence and as sister-in-law was also in need of separate residence, both the scheduled houses are being inhabited. The dwelling units at the scheduled Site Nos. 20 and 23 are occupied by the sister-in-law and father-in-law of the petitioner. On 18.09.2026, a show cause notice was issued to the petitioner stating that, as per the complaint received, during construction at Site Nos. 20 and 23, 800 square meters were constructed with a single staircase and lift, and that electric supply was obtained without installing a transformer, thereby violating KERC standing order dated 05.06.2017, i.e., Clause 3.1.3(A). Therefore, the petitioner is called upon to reply, along with the documents, within 7 days, failing which steps will be taken to disrupt the electricity supply as per the BESCOM Bye-laws and rules. In response to the said show cause notice, the petitioner has submitted his reply dated 30.09.2026, wherein he has clearly stated that House Nos. 20

and 23 have separate khata and building plans, with a separate road on both sides, a separate entrance to each house, and a separate electricity connection obtained by paying the necessary installation fees to the BESCOM, with power supply obtained. In view of these changes, steps to be taken for the supply of electricity and the electricity load may be explicitly and clearly communicated to the petitioner to follow the instructions and technical conditions issued by the department. If required, the installation of a transformer would also be explored. In the said building, aged persons of 80 years, suffering from age-related ailments, are residing. Hence, it is requested not to disrupt the supply of electricity. As the respondents have not considered the said reply and passed orders, the petitioner is before this court.

3. Learned Senior counsel representing the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in fact petitioner is ready to proceed as per BESCOM's conditions of power supply. The petitioner has no objection for installation of the transformer. The procedure to be followed and how they are going to install and in this regard he has given a detailed reply and so far they

have not passed any order. It is submitted that in the meantime, if they disrupt the power supply, it would cause a lot of hardship to the petitioner, which made the petitioner to come before this court.

4. Sri Likith R. Prakash, learned counsel, takes notice on behalf of the respondents. On instructions, it is submitted that, the petitioner has given a reply to the show cause notice, they will consider it and also indicate the modes and manner in which the transformer needs to be installed, along with other procedures. This is a premature writ petition. It is also submitted that, until the orders are passed, they will not take any coercive steps.

5. Having heard the learned senior counsel representing the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel for the respondent, perused the entire material on record. Regarding the show cause notice issued by the respondent, the petitioner had replied to the respondents asking them to inform and advise the petitioner on how to proceed with the transformer installation process, as per the KERC regulations. The respondents ought to have replied to the same and so far

no order has been passed. In the light of the submission made on behalf of both the parties, this Court is passing the following:

ORDER

i. The writ petition is ***disposed of***, directing the respondent to consider the petitioner's reply dated 30.09.2026 and to pass appropriate orders within a period of 2 weeks.

ii. If the petitioner is aggrieved by any orders passed by the BESCOM, he is at liberty to seek appropriate relief.

iii. Hence, till 15 days from the date of passing of the order, the respondent/BESCOM shall not take any coercive steps facilitating the petitioner to avail the appropriate legal remedies available.

iv. Pending IAs., in this petition shall stand closed.

SD/-
(LALITHA KANNEGANTI)
JUDGE

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