IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.20354 of 2026
Date of Decision: 17.11.2026

M/s Saboo Tor Pvt Ltd.

.....Petitioner

Versus

HPSEBL

.....Respondent

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Sharma, Judge.
Whether approved for reporting?

For the Petitioner: Mr. Shrawan Dogra, Senior Advocate with Mr. Manik Sethi, Advocate.

For the Respondent: Ms. Sunita Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Dhananjay Sharma, Advocate.

Sandeep Sharma, J. *(Oral)*

By way of instant petition, petitioner has prayed for following main reliefs:

> "A. Writ in the nature Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, including a writ of certiorari, quashing and setting aside the illegal and without jurisdiction determination (if any *vide* any order) of finalizing the levy/demand of Rs. 2,25,37,415.84 by showing the same under the head "Sundry" in Electricity Bill No. 110001359538 dated 04.11.2026 for November 2026 rather than issuing the separate bill of arrears (which the Petitioner could have assailed appropriately), relating to Unit-I, Consumer ID No. 100012002326, together with all consequential late-payment surcharge, interest or other financial consequences attributable solely to the said entry."

2. Precisely the grouse of the petitioner, as has been highlighted in the petition and further canvassed by Mr. Shrawan Dogra, learned Senior Counsel, duly represented by Mr. Manik Sethi, Advocate, is that though issue with regard to amount of rebate shown in sundry column of the bill is in dispute and in that regard, time has been granted to the petitioner by the respondent-Board to clarify certain things vide communication dated 6.11.2026 (Annexure P-5), but yet, fresh bill dated 4.11.2026 uploaded on 6.11.2026, has been issued, including therein the afore amount. Mr. Dogra, states that though petitioner has no objection in depositing the amount in terms of electricity bill dated 4.11.2026 (Annexure P-6), but excluding sundry amount, which is yet to be clarified by the competent authority.

3. While putting in appearance on behalf of respondent-Electricity Board, Ms. Sunita Sharma, learned Senior Advocate, duly assisted by Mr. Dhananjay Sharma, Advocate, fairly states that 15 days' time, as granted vide communication dated 6.11.2026 (Annexure P-5), is yet to expire and as such, present petition can be disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to supply the relevant information/ clarification in terms of communication dated 6.11.2026 to Electricity Board, enabling it to decide the issue of sundry charges expeditiously and in the meantime, petitioner can be

directed to deposit the amount in terms of electricity bill dated 4.11.2026, after deducting the sundry amount. She further states that in case petitioner is subsequently found liable to pay the sundry charges, it may be directed to deposit the same alongwith interest.

4. Consequently, in view of aforesaid fair stand adopted by learned Senior counsel representing respondent-Electricity Board, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, deems it fit to dispose of the present petition with a direction to the petitioner to do the needful in terms of communication dated 6.11.2026, but in the meantime, it may also deposit the bill after deducting sundry charges within a period of two days, if not already deposited. Ordered accordingly.

5. Needless to say, till the time issue with regard to sundry charges, if any, payable by the petitioner is decided by the competent authority in terms of communication dated 6.11.2026, same shall not be reflected in the electricity bill as sundry charges.

Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

November 17, 2026 **(Sandeep Sharma),**
(manjit) **Judge**