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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 4869/2026 & CM APPL. 23912/2026**

MR HARENDER THAKRAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Rajeshwari Hariharan & Mr.
Ansh Sharma, Advocates.

versus

TATA POWER DELHI DISTRIBUTION LTDRespondent

Through: Mr. Manish Kumar Srivastava, Mr.
Moksh Arora & Mr. Santosh
Ramdurg, Advocates with Mr. Amit
Singh, AGM Legal TPDDL.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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13.04.2026

CM APPL. 23912/2026 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

W.P.(C) 4869/2026

2. The present writ petition has been filed seeking the following reliefs:

A. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction, directing the Respondent to immediately restore the electricity connection of the Petitioner, i.e., CA No. 60023344017, or in the alternative, install a new electricity meter at the premises in light of the documented theft of the previous apparatus, without insisting on the payment of the impugned, time-barred theft assessment.



- B. Issue a Writ of Certiorari or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction, quashing the illegal and arbitrary action of the Respondent in disconnecting the Petitioner's electricity supply, without following the due process of law. The disconnection, purportedly on account of alleged electricity theft, has been executed without affording the Petitioner a proper opportunity to be heard and in violation of statutory safeguards. Such an action is liable to be set aside as being illegal, unjust, and contrary to the settled principles of law.
- C. Pass an order restraining the Respondent from taking any coercive action against the Petitioner, including but not limited to further penalties, fines, or criminal proceedings, until the final adjudication of the challenge to the theft notice issued against the Petitioner. Any coercive action during the pendency of adjudication would not only prejudice the Petitioner's rights but also render the pending proceedings meaningless and infringe upon the Petitioner's right to a fair trial.
- D. In the alternative, direct the Respondent to grant a fresh electricity connection to the Petitioner, in accordance with law, so as to ensure that the Petitioner is not deprived of an essential service necessary for a dignified life. In the event that the restoration of the previous connection is not feasible, the Respondent should be mandated to process and grant a new electricity connection to the Petitioner without any undue delay or unjustified demands.



3. Mr. Srivastava, counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent/Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited ('TPDDL') on advance notice, submits that an identical writ petition being W.P.(C) 3652/2025 was filed earlier by the petitioner, which was dismissed *vide* order dated 25th March, 2025.

3.1. This fact has not been disclosed in the present writ petition.

4. To be noted, the earlier writ petition as well as the other writ petition has been filed through an Advocate engaged through the Delhi State Legal Services Authority ('DSLISA').

5. Accordingly, the present writ petition is dismissed.

6. Let a copy of this order be sent to DSLISA, so as to ensure that parties do not misuse the legal aid services offered by DSLISA and file repeated petitions by concealing earlier petitions filed by them.

AMIT BANSAL, J

APRIL 13, 2026

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