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STATE Vs. SMT MAINA DEVI W/O SH RAM KISHAN
FIR No. 412/2018, PS BINDA PUR

12.02.2026

Present: Mr. Pramod Kumar, Ld. Subt. Addl. PP for the State.
Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, AR for the complainant.
Mr. Tarun Ruhil, LR for the complainant.
Mr. Rajiv Tiwari, Ld. counsel for the complainant.
Accused in person.

It is submitted by the learned Substitute APP for the State that as informed by the AR of the complainant, the civil liability of the accused stands settled vide a settlement dated 09.12.2018 arrived at before the Special Lok Adalat. It is further submitted that the accused has made the payment of the entire settlement amount of Rs.40,000/-, and consequently the civil liability of the accused stands satisfied. It is also submitted that copy of the aforesaid Award dated 09.12.2018 of the Special Lok Adalat has already been filed on record.

Today, the AR of the complainant has placed on record a No-Dues Certificate qua settlement of the civil liability.

The accused also reiterates the aforesaid submissions.

As regards the criminal liability, the accused submits that she wishes to plead guilty in the present case.

Thus, the accused pleads guilty to the offence under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The accused is made aware of the consequences of pleading guilty, however she still insists upon her plea of guilt.

After hearing the accused, I am satisfied that she has

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pleaded guilty without any pressure or coercion. Her plea of guilt is recorded separately. Since the plea of guilt appears to be voluntary, the same is accepted. The accused is accordingly convicted for the offence under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Submissions on the point of sentence of the convict heard.

The learned Substitute Additional Public Prosecutor for the State submits that the convict may be sentenced as per law. On the other hand, the convict prays for a lenient view, submitting that she is financially not sound; that she is a first time offender; that she is a very senior citizen aged about 75 years and that she undertakes not to repeat the offence.

The submissions of both sides are considered and the record is perused. Keeping in view the totality of the facts and circumstances of the present case and in the interest of justice, the convict is sentenced under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to pay fine of Rs.500/-, in default to undergo simple imprisonment for one month.

At this stage, the convict requests for some time to deposit the fine amount.

In the interest of justice, time till the next date is granted.

At request, put up for payment of the fine amount by the convict on **02.03.2026**.

(Harleen Singh)
ASJ, Special Electricity Court (South West)
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi/12.02.2026