

Present : Md. Rafique Alam
Additional Sessions Judge
1st Court, Tamluk

S.C(E) 203 of 25
Reg No. 203/2025
CNR Number WBEM010009302025

Order No. 05/ Date.06.06.2026

Today is fixed for appearance of the accused person and supply of copy. Accused **Nantu kumar Pradhan** is present by filing hazira. Ld. P.P.-in-charge and Ld. Defence Advocate are both present. Accused has filed a petition for pleading guilty along with some documents. The case record is taken up for charge hearing. Perused the case record.

It appears to me, prima facie charge for offence punishable under Sec. 135(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Amendment Act 2007 is well established against this accused person.

Learned P.P.-in-charge opens his case and describes the charge against this accused to the effect that “on 10-01-25, at about 12:30PM Sri Rabi Sankar Bera, DE and SM of Madhakhali CCC and other staff members had been to the domestic premises of the accused person and during the course of inspection it was detected that he was consuming electricity dishonestly by way of direct hooking by passing his service meter from the nearest LTOH of WBSEDCL, causing loss of revenue to the WBSEDCL and that he thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 135(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with amendment Act 2007.”

Formal Charge is framed against the accused & the same is read over and explained to the accused person in his mother tongue to which he pleaded guilty & stood by his petition of guilt. The accused pleads guilty by saying 'ami doshi'.

Considered.

It appears to me the accused pleads guilty voluntarily without being influenced or pressurized from any corner. His plea of guilt being voluntary, it is accepted. Therefore, the accused namely, **Nantu kumar Pradhan** is convicted u/Sec. 229 of the Cr.P.C for the offence punishable under Section 135(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with amendment Act 2007. On being convicted I have heard him & also Ld. P.P.-in-charge and Ld. Defence Advocate. The convict side begged for mercy & the Prosecution let the matter of sentence to the discretion of the Court. The prosecution has not reported the actual quantum of its loss of revenue & as such this Court has to exercise its discretion.

Hence, it is

ordered

that convict, **Nantu kumar Pradhan** is sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.2000/- for the offence under Section 135(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with amendment Act 2007. i.d., to suffer S.I. for 20 days.

The instant case is disposed of.

Seized article (alamat), if any, be destroyed after expiry of appeal period.

D/C by me.

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