

21 Ct. Cases 42/2025
BSES RAJDHANI POWER LTD. Vs. MAHESH S/O KESHAV
(Dwarka North)

27.08.2025

Lawyers are reported to be abstaining from work today.

Present: Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, AR for the complainant.
Mr. Tarun Ruhil, LR for the complainant.
Accused in person.

Copy of the complaint and annexures is supplied to the accused today, against acknowledgement.

It is submitted by the AR of the complainant that pursuant to a settlement dated 29.04.2025 with the accused before the Permanent Lok Adalat (PLA), the accused has made the payment of the entire settlement amount of Rs.65,000/- towards the civil liability. In this regard, the AR of the complainant has placed on record a No-Dues Certificate as well as copy of the Award dated 29.04.2025 of the PLA.

The accused also reiterates the same.

As regards the criminal liability, the accused submits that he 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 he still insists upon his plea of guilt.

After hearing the accused, I am satisfied that he has pleaded guilty without any pressure or coercion. His plea of guilt is recorded separately. Since the plea of guilt appears to be voluntary, the same is accepted. The accused Mahesh is accordingly convicted for the offence under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

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Submissions on the point of sentence of the convict heard.

The AR of the complainant submits that the convict may be sentenced as per law. On the other hand, the convict prays for a lenient view, submitting that he is financially not sound; that he is the sole bread earner of his family; that he is a first time offender and that he 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.4,000/-, in default to undergo simple imprisonment for one month.

At this stage, the convict has deposited the fine amount of Rs.4,000/-, vide receipt no.0353632.

Copy of this order be given *dasti* to the accused, as prayed.

The file be consigned to the Record Room, after due compliance.

(Harleen Singh)
ASJ, Special Electricity Court (South West)
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi
27.08.2025