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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : WA/228/2023

BIJAY PRASAD SAHU @ B P SAHU
S/O LATE KESHO PRASAD SAHU, R/O MANTRIPUKHRI, OPP. C.R.P.F. CAMP,
P.O. AND P.S.-MANTRIPUKHRI, IMPHAL EAST, MANIPUR-795002

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND 3 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT.
OF ASSAM, POWER DEPARTMENT, ASSAM SECRETARIAT, DISPUR,
GUWAHATI-781006, ASSAM

2:THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPNAY LTD.
BIJULI BHAWAN
PALTAN BAZAR
GUWAHATI-781001
ASSAM

3:THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)
GUWAHATI ELECTRICAL GEC-I
ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD. (APDCL)
KAMRUP
GUWAHATI
ASSAM
PIN-781001

4:THE SUB-DIVISION OFFICER
ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD. (APDCL)
ZOO ROAD ELECTRICAL SUB-DIVISION
GUWAHATI ELECTRICAL CIRCLE-I
GUWAHATI
ASSAM, PIN-78100

For petitioner/applicant(s) : Mr. A. Sahu, Advocate

For respondent(s) : Mr. S. P. Sharma, Advocate

– BEFORE –
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN DEV CHOUDHURY

28.08.2025

(Ashutosh Kumar, CJ)

The appellant is an Advocate, in whose house electricity supply has been disconnected.

It appears from the records that the disconnection took place sometime in the year 2020 when the entire country was reeling under COVID 2019 pandemic. Later, the appellant paid the dues and also the reconnection charges, but in the meantime the electricity supply to the house of the appellant had been permanently disconnected.

The electricity supply code does not provide for reconnection or restoration of connection in cases of permanent disconnection of electricity supply. In that case, the only option is to apply for fresh electricity connection. This was acknowledged by the learned Single Judge, who directed the respondent/supply company to refund the amount of Rs. 600/-, which the appellant had paid towards reconnection charges. The learned Single Judge also made it known that in case an application is made by the writ petitioner/appellant for fresh connection, it shall be processed expeditiously and without any delay.

We are also at a loss to understand as to the appellant is still without electricity!

In that view of the matter, the learned counsel representing the appellant has prayed for some time to take instructions in the matter whether the appellant would like to apply for fresh electric connection, in which case this Court may direct the

respondent to provide new electricity connection to the appellant at the earliest.

Re-notify on 09.09.2025.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Comparing Assistant