

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**W.P.(C) No.2925 of 2024**

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M/S Jamshedpur Roller Flour Mills (Pvt.) Ltd. .... .. Petitioner

Versus

Jharkhand Bijli Vitaran Nigam Ltd. & Others .... .. Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GAUTAM KUMAR CHOUDHARY**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Nitin Kumar Pasari, Advocate

: Mr. Gaurav Kaushalesh, Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr. M. K. Roy, SC

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**Order No. 02/ Dated : 24.05.2024**

The instant writ petition has been filed against the Order and Judgment dated 12.04.2024 passed by the Vidyut Uphokta Shikayat Niwaran Forum, Chaibasa, Jamshedpur in case No. 3 of 2017.

It is submitted by the learned counsel that not a single paisa is due from the petitioner and despite this, a notice under Section 56 of the Electricity Act, 2003 has been served on the petitioner.

In order to buttress this argument, it is submitted that earlier criminal case was lodged for theft of electricity in which vide order dated 31.05.2022, the Directors of the petitioner's company have been acquitted of the charge in GR case No. 1560/2009 by the Court of Special Judge (Electricity) East Singhbhum, Jamshedpur.

In view of this, a prayer is made to stay the notice (as Annexure read with 8) by which the petitioner's company has been directed to make the payment of the due amount of Rs. 2,84,65,245/- only within 15 days. The petitioner company is a Roller Flour Mills (Pvt.) Ltd. and disconnection of electricity will result on industrial production to standstill.

Learned counsel on behalf of the Electricity Board, Jharkhand Bijli Vitaran Nigam Ltd. submits that the petition is not maintainable as the petitioner has efficacious alternative remedy under Section 42 (6) of the Electricity Board, 2002.

Let the case be listed on 10.06.2024 before the appropriate bench having its roster.

In the meantime, learned counsel on behalf of the respondent will take instruction and file a counter affidavit.

In the meantime, operation of notice dated 08.05.2024 is stayed.