



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C). No. 3184 of 2025

Amitabh Maity

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Petitioner

Mr. Niranjana Panda, Advocate

-Versus-

***General Manager (Electrical), TATA
Power Northern Odisha Distribution
Limited & (TPNODL), Balasore &
Ors..***

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Opp. Parties

Mr. Prasanta Kumar Tripathy, Advocate
For O.P. No.1

CORAM:

**JUSTICE KRISHNA SHRIPAD DIXIT
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

ORDER

24.03.2026

Order No.

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The essential grievance of the Petitioner is against rejection of his application for power supply on the ground that the parents are in arrears in respect of another premises. This presumably appears to have been structured in terms of Regulation 17(1) of 2025 of OERC (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 which is held to have statutory force by virtue of Apex Court decision in ***K. C. Ninan v. State of Kerala Electricity Board***, 2023 SCC OnLine SC 663. Matter requires deeper consideration.

It has been well settled by a catena of decisions of the Apex Court that the Electricity Power is the life line of the people. Ordinarily, the application for grant of supply of power, cannot be turned down except on cogent grounds recognized by



the Statute. The only ground on which power supply is denied to the Petitioner is, as already mentioned that his parents are in arrears of power supply to another premises.

Both the sides now agree that due to paucity of the time, the Petitioner should pay 50% of the quantified arrears i.e., Rs.1,24,618/- and on such payment, the application of the Petitioner should be considered without insisting upon the payment of parents dues.

In the above circumstances, the interim arrangement is accordingly made.

Web copy of order to be acted upon by all concerned.

(Krishna Shripad Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge