



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.7586 of 2025

Subhasini Dash

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. -
Pritam Kumar Mohanty

-versus-

1) State Of Odisha

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Opposite Parties

2) Executive Engr(electrical), Tpcodl
Ltd., Puri
3) Enforcement Engr(electrical) ,
Tpcodl Ltd., Puri Iii
4) S.d.o.electrical No Iii, Tpcodl Ltd.,
Puri

Represented By Adv. –
Mr.L.K.Moharana

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA
ORDER
25.03.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).

2. Although the Writ Petition has been preferred by the Petitioner with a prayer to quash the impugned notice dated 26.12.2024 under Annexure-3 to the Writ Petition, however, learned counsel for the Petitioner at the outset contended that he does not want to challenge the final assessment order dated 26.12.2024. Learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that since the Petitioner is a poor lady, she is unable to pay the final assessment amount, therefore, some relaxation may be given to her so that she can pay the outstanding dues. This Court is of the view that since the Petitioner does not want to challenge the final assessment order dated 26.12.2024 therefore, nothing survives to be



adjudicated in the present Writ Petition. However, taking into consideration the submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that her electric connection has been disconnected on 23.03.2025, the Opposite Parties be directed to reconnect the electric connection on payment of part dues as assessed by the Opposite Parties in the final bill dated 26.12.2024 with a further direction to the Opposite Parties to allow the Petitioner to pay the balance amount in instalments.

3. Mr.Moharana, learned counsel appearing for the electric distribution company on the other hand contended that the present Writ Petition is not maintainable as the Petitioner has not preferred any appeal against the order of final assessment which has been passed under section 126 of Indian Electricity Act. He further submitted that with regard to grant of relaxation, the Petitioner has already approached the Opposite Party No.3 by filing a representation under Annexure-4 to the Writ Petition.

4. Having heard learned counsels for the respective parties, keeping in view the factual background of the present case and further considering the grievance of the Petitioner as well as keeping in view the aforesaid aspect, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the Writ Petition by directing the Petitioner to approach the Opposite Party no.2 for grant of relaxation of payment of outstanding dues. In the event the Petitioner approaches Opposite Party No.2, the Opposite Party No.2 shall do well to restore the electricity connection on depositing 25% of the outstanding dues as has been assessed vide order dated 26.12.2024 and to consider the case of the Petitioner and if possible grant relaxation permitting the Petitioner to pay



the balance dues on instalment basis and, if such payment is permissible, the Petitioner be permitted to deposit the outstanding dues in six monthly equal instalments and the amount and duration shall be fixed by the Opposite Party No.2.

5. With the aforesaid observation the Writ Petition is disposed of.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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