



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.9180 of 2026

***The Electrical Section Officer
No-1, Patnagarh, TPWODL,
Balangir and another***

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv. -
Prasanta Kumar Tripathy

-versus-

Prahallad Meher

.....

Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv. -

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

25.03.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners. Perused the writ petition as well as the prayer made therein.
3. By filing the present writ petition the Petitioners call in question the jurisdiction of the DCDRC, Bolangir in passing the impugned interim order at Annexure-4 series to the writ petition.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioners at the outset contended that as against a final assessment order passed on 10.03.2023 at Annexure-3 the Opposite Party-consumer approached the DCDRC, Bolangir by filing a consumer complaint case. Learned counsel for the Petitioners at the outset contended that the C.P. Act, 2019 has no jurisdiction to entertain such a complaint in view of the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in *U.P. Power Corporation Ltd. & Ors. v. Anis Ahmed and batch cases* reported in *AIR 2013 (SC) 2766*.



5. In view of the aforesaid submission, this Court is of the view that the matter requires further consideration after appearance of the Opposite Party.

6. Hence, issue notice to the Opposite Party by Registered Post with A.D. by fixing a short returnable date. Requisites be filed within three working days.

7. List this matter in the week commencing 11.05.2026.

I.A. No.5439 of 2026

8. Heard.

9. Notice as above.

10. Accept one set of process fee.

11. As an interim measure, it is directed that the further proceeding in C.C. No.14 of 2026 pending before the learned DCDRC, Bolangir shall remain stayed till the next date. It is further directed that subject to the Petitioners depositing a sum of Rs.50,000/-, which shall be subject to the outcome of the present writ petition, the Opposite Party shall reconnect the electricity connection of the Petitioners after following due formalities as per the Rules and guidelines, within a period of seven days from such deposit.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge