



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
WP(C) No.20367 of 2025

Debraj Sahoo

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. -
Biswaranjan Dalai

-versus-

***1) Tata Power Central Odisha
Distribution Ltd***

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Opposite Parties

2) Sdo Commerce Cum Assesing
Officer Tpcodl Electric Sub Division
Gopalpur

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. L.K.Maharana

CORAM:

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

ORDER

24.07.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
 2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Distribution Company. Perused the writ application as well as documents annexed thereto.
 3. The present writ application has been filed with a prayer to quash the physical verification report dated 06.06.2025 and for a further direction to the Opposite Parties to restore the electricity connection to the premises of the petitioner immediately.
 4. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset contended that the petitioner is a consumer of electricity under the Opposite party No.1. He further submitted that the petitioner was issued with a notice purported to be one of the Section 126 of the Electricity Act, 2023. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that being aggrieved by the conduct of the Opposite Parties in



disconnecting the electricity connection the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ application.

5. Mr. L.K.Maharana, learned counsel appearing for the TPCODL on the other hand contended that a provisional assessment has already been done under Section 15, however the petitioner has not filed any objection to such provisional assessment, and, as per the law, the Opposite parties have finalised the assessment and issued a final assessment order within a month which is likely to expire on 28th July. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Opposite Parties-Company contended that the present writ application is devoid of merit and, as such, it should be dismissed at the threshold.

6. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, on a careful examination of the background facts, this Court observes that the grievance of the present petitioner in the present writ application is that although the petitioner was consuming the electricity, however, the bill has been raised erroneously by the Opposite parties. On a query being posed this Court to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned counsel for the petitioner replied that he has not filed any objection to the provisional assessment order issued to the petitioner. In the aforesaid factual backdrop, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ application by granting liberty to the petitioner to file his objection before the Opposite Party No.2-S.D.O. Commerce-cum-Assessing Officer, TPCODL by day after tomorrow (26.07.2025). In the event any such objection is filed, the same shall be considered by the Opposite Party No.2 while passing the final assessment order. As an interim, it is directed that subject to



petitioner depositing a sum of Rs.25,000/- before the Assessing Officer, which shall be subject to the final assessment order, the Opposite parties shall do well to restore the electricity connection to the premises of the petitioner.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions the writ application is disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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