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ML-55
Ct. No. 07
Srimanta

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA 16353 of 2025

Ranjit Ray
-Vs.-
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kaustav Sen,
Ms. Sristi Mukhopadhyay
...for the petitioner.

Ms. Sreemoyee Mitra
...for the CESC Limited.

Mr. Biswabrata Basu Mallick,
Mr. Biman Halder,
Mr. Amman Arif Ansari
...for the private respondent.

1. The grievance of the petitioner is directed against non-supply of electric connection. Pursuant to the earlier orders of Court the CESC Limited has filed a Report, inter alia, highlighting that the premises is an old building and is in a dilapidated condition. It is further submitted on behalf of the CESC Limited that there is no clear access to the premises of the building and the same is blocked and chocked with garbage. The meter room has also been found to be in a damaged condition.

2. On perusal of the Report it appears that the same is incomplete and incomprehensible keeping in mind that the CESC Limited is in the business of providing an essential service. The private respondent is represented and submits that no steps have been taken by the petitioner in clearing the garbage or to repair the meter room.

3. Under such circumstances, any different officer other than the District Engineer, Howrah District is directed to file a Report to try to amicably resolve the grievance of the petitioner. In carrying out such exercise, the Officer-in-Charge, Bally Police Station, Howrah is directed to provide full assistance, if necessary, by deputing a competent officer.

4. Let this matter appear on 24th February, 2026.

5. In the meantime, both CESC Limited and the Police Authorities including all other statutory bodies including the Municipal Authorities are directed to provide all assistance, if possible.

(Ravi Krishan Kapur, J.)