

S/L 23
02.12.2025
Court. No. 25
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WPA 25070 of 2025

Debabrata Kar
Vs.
The West Bengal State Electricity
Distribution Company Limited & Ors.

Mr. Ramdulal Manna
Mr. Sayan Mukherjee

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Srijan Nayak
Mrs. Rituparna Maitra

...for W.B.S.E.D.C.L

Mr. Pinaki Ranjan Chakraborti

...for the respondent nos. 7 & 8.

1. The petitioner has applied for grant of electric connection in the premises-in-question. In spite of receipt of the application for grant of electric connection, the respondents particularly the respondent no. 5 failed to consider the request of the petitioner and the same is still pending.
2. Learned counsel appearing for W.B.S.E.D.C.L. submits that on receipt of the application, the officials of W.B.S.E.D.C.L. went to inspect the premises-in-question but there was an obstruction from the private respondents due to which the inspection could not be carried out and electricity could not be provided.
3. Learned counsel appearing for the private respondents submits that the petitioner is not the owner of the property-in-question and he is the illegal occupier and as such the private respondents are objecting for grant of electric connection.
4. Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, this Court finds that the

petitioner has applied for grant of electric connection on June 23, 2022 but till date no connection has been provided. Electricity is the essential services. It is settled law that even the illegal occupier is also entitled to get the electric connection unless he is evicted from the unauthorized occupation in accordance with law.

5. In view of the above, the respondent no. 5 is directed to provide the electric connection in the premises of the petitioner within four weeks from the date of compliance of all formalities by the petitioner. It is further made clear that the grant of electric connection will not create any right, title and interest of the petitioner over the property-in-question.
6. The learned counsel appearing for W.B.S.E.D.C.L. submits that there was an obstruction for grant of electric connection.
7. Accordingly, the Inspector-in-Charge, Nandakumar P.S. is directed to provide police assistance to the officials of W.B.S.E.D.C.L. at the time of inspection of the premises and grant of electric connection. It is made clear that the fee for the police protection shall be borne by the petitioner, if required.
8. WPA 25070 of 2025 is disposed of.
9. Urgent Xerox certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all necessary formalities.

(Krishna Rao, J.)