

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]

WPA/259/2026

Narayan Biswas

Vs

The Superintending Engineer and another

Mr. K.Mohammed Sheheer ... for the petitioner

Mr. S.C.Mishra ... for the Respondents
(through virtual mode)

April 28, 2026
[AKB]
Item No.1
(Supplementary List)

1. The petitioner in the instant case prays for a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to grant a fresh electricity connection against an online application being Annexure P2 at page 10 which has been submitted on 29.01.2026.
2. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent authorities submits that the said application is still pending for consideration.
3. In view of the above the respondent No.2 is directed to consider and dispose of the said application for a new electricity connection within a period of four weeks and pass a reasoned order in accordance with law upon affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other stakeholders, if any, and communicate such decision within a week thereafter.
4. If the wiring and earthing is incomplete, the petitioner is directed to forthwith complete the necessary corrections as

per the norms mandated in the JERC Regulation, 2018 and inform the same accordingly to the licensing authorities.

5. The Licensing Authority shall be at liberty to cause inspection, if any, within a period of two weeks to ascertain the wiring and earthing of the premises in question before providing new electricity connection.

6. However, it is made clear that, if the authority concerned is satisfied with the conditions required for providing new electricity connection, the same shall be granted forthwith, preferably within a period of ten days upon payment of all requisite fees.

7. The writ petition is disposed of without going into the merits of the case.

8. Parties are directed to act on the serve copy of this order to be downloaded from the official website of this court.

9. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, is to be given to the parties on priority basis on compliance of all legal formalities.

(Smita Das De, J.)