

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE B.K. SHARMA

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Standing Counsel, APDCL, Mr. H.K. Sarma.

The petitioner is a resident of Bagariguri village in the district of Nagaon under Nagaon police station in which there are about 135 families. Respective families were provided with electricity under the particular scheme called Rajiv Gandhi rural Electrification Scheme. Such electricity was provided to the agent i.e. respondent No.7. While the villagers had been enjoying their electricity, suddenly there was disconnection on the ground of alleged nonpayment of dues by the petitioners through the respondent No.7. It appears that some dispute arose between the villagers and the respondent No.7 in respect of raising of bills. It is the case of the petitioner that there was no meter reading and the respondent No.7 raised bills incorporating the meter reading without any data basis upon physical verification etc. It is the case of the petitioner that respondent No.7 raised bills showing inflated Consumption.

Because of the said disputes between the villagers and the respondent No.7, the authority has disconnected the power line to the villagers on 26.11.2012. Since then, the villagers are without any electricity supply.

Having regard to the nature of the grievance raised and as agreed to by the learned counsels for the parties and the nature of the order I propose to pass, this writ petition is disposed of without issuing notice to the respondent No.7.

The Writ Petition is disposed of directing the APDCL to collect the consumption bills on the basis of average units consumed earlier by the villagers till the matter is finally resolved by the APDCL with the respondent No.7.

Upon raising of bills on the basis of such average consumption of units, the villagers shall pay the same for immediate restoration of the electricity connection.

Let the entire exercise be expeditiously carried out preferably within 15th of March 2013.