

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-9245-2025

Date of Decision : April 05, 2025

NEERAJ KUMAR AND OTHERS

-PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

-RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Sankalp Gehlawat, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, D.A.G., Haryana
for the respondents No.1 and 8.

Mr. P.S. Chauhan, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Rajesh Gaur, Advocate
for the respondents No.2 to 4.

Mr. Ashwani Talwar, Advocate with
Mr. Nikhil Sherawat, Advocate
for the respondents No.6 and 7.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer embodied in the instant writ petition appertains to issuance of directions upon the respondent(s) to supply permanent electricity connections to the petitioners, who are the lawful occupiers of the premises, in terms of Section 43 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

2. Taking into account the emergent situation that, electricity connections of a number of persons have been disconnected owing to default of the developer(s), this Court drew the hereinafter extracted order upon the instant writ petition on 01.04.2025:-

“In the instant petition, prayer is made for issuance of mandamus, directing the respondents to supply permanent

electricity connections to the petitioners, who are the lawful occupiers of the premises in terms of Section 43 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, DAG, Haryana waives service on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 8; Mr. Rajesh Gaur, Advocate, waives service on behalf of respondents No. 2 to 4, and Mr. Ashwani Talwar, Advocate, waives service on behalf of respondent No. 6.

Notice to respondent no. 7 be issued on furnishing of necessary process fee.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondents seek adjournment to file response to the instant petition.

It has been also informed to this Court that electricity connection to the Society has been discontinued. On the next date of hearing, the distributor licensee shall inform this Court, as to the reasons for discontinuing the electricity connection to the Society concerned.

Adjourned to 5.4.2025.

To be shown in the urgent list.

On the next date of hearing, no request for adjournment shall be entertained from either of the parties concerned.

Dasti process as well.”

3. Today, the learned senior counsel for the respondents No.2 to 4/distribution licensee has informed this Court that, the developer(s) has made payment of the electricity charges and the electricity connections of the petitioners have also been restored.

4. At this stage, the learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, although electricity connections have been restored, however, grievance of the petitioners with regard to grant of permanent electricity connections instead of temporary connections has not been redressed.

5. Insofar as the petitioners' grievance (supra) is concerned, the

petitioners are seized of an alternative and efficacious remedy of approaching the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum, as created by the distribution licensee, for redressal thereof.

6. Consequently, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction upon the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum concerned to, in case the petitioners approach it, within 15 days from today, for redressal of their grievance (supra), make decision on their applications within a month thereafter. Moreover, till decision of the petitioners' applications, if any moved within the stipulated period, the temporary electricity connections shall not be disconnected.

7. **Disposed of accordingly.**

April 05, 2025
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No