



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

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RSA No.2416 of 2025 (O&M)

Date of decision : 08.10.2025

Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and another

.....Appellants

Versus

Richhpal

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present: Ms. Tanu Priya Singh, Advocate
for the appellants

Mr. Sukhvir Singh Sahu, Advocate
for the respondent

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

1. The appellant-defendants are in second appeal against the concurrent findings rendered by both the Court below whereby the suit for declaration and mandatory injunction filed by the respondent-plaintiff was decreed.
2. Mr. Sukhvir Singh Sahu, Advocate has put in appearance and filed Vakalatnama on behalf of the respondent. The same is taken on record.
3. At the very outset, learned counsel for the appellants submits that the question of law involved in the present appeal as to whether jurisdiction of the Civil Court is barred in view of Section 145 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has since been decided by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in **RSA-4181-2016**, titled as '**Mahesh Kumar vs. Sub Divisional Officer and Another**' vide judgment dated 14.05.2025.



4. In view of the above, the present second appeal is allowed, and the suit filed by the respondent-plaintiff stands dismissed on the ground of jurisdiction. However, the respondent-plaintiff is at liberty to take recourse to the appropriate remedy as available, in accordance with law.

5. It is made clear that any evidence recorded/observations made in the impugned judgments and decrees would not operate as *res judicata* in any subsequent proceedings initiated by the respondent-plaintiff.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

08.10.2025

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(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No