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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**RSA-2705-2024 (O&M)****Date of Decision : 01.08.2025**

SUB DIVISIONAL OFFICER, SUB DIVISION NO 1 ... Appellant(s)
UHBVNL & ANR

Versus

RAMPHAL ... Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. B.R. Mahajan, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Madhur Singh, Advocate for the appellant(s).

Mr. Balraj Singh Dhull, Advocate
for the respondent(s).

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral)

1. The defendant-appellants are in the present Regular Second Appeal, challenging the judgment and decree passed by the First Appellate Court whereby its appeal was allowed partly.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the defendant-appellants has submitted 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 Versus Sub Divisional Officer & Anr.**" vide judgment dated 14.05.2025.

3. Learned counsel for the plaintiff-respondent does not dispute this factual position.

4. In view thereof, the present appeal is allowed, and the suit filed by the plaintiff-respondent stands dismissed on the ground of jurisdiction.

However, the plaintiff-respondent would have the liberty to avail the remedies as available in 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 plaintiff-respondent. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed off.

01.08.2025

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JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking

Whether reportable: YES/NO