IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD (Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF JULY TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WRIT PETITION NO: 22181 OF 2024

Between:

M/s. Dilpreet Tubes Pvt. Limited, Rep. by its Authorized Signatory, Regd Office and Factory Plot No.8, I.D.A. Nacharam, Hyderabad - 500075.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1. State of Telangana, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Power Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
- 2. Southern Power Distribution Company of T.G. Ltd, Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director, Vidyuth Soudha, Sonnajiuda, Hyderabad.
- 3. Superintending Engineer-Operations, Habsiguda Circle, TSSPDCL, Uppal, Hyderabad.
- 4. Asst. Divisional Engineer, Operations, Habsiguda Circle, TSSPDCL, Habsiguda, Uppal, Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or direction declaring the action of the Respondent No.3 in issuing the impugned no.SE/OP/HBG/SA0P/AAO-NT/JAO-HT/HBG168/ vide letter Lr. D.No.204/24, dated 22-06-2024 to the Petitioner demanding the payment of arrears of Rs.37.22,133/- along with surcharge up to the date of payment and further disconnecting the power connection of the Petitioner bearing No.HBG1021 as arbitrary illegal and set aside the same and consequently direct the Respondents 2 to 4 to restore power connection of the Petitioner bearing Consumer No.HBG1021 and not to insist for payment of the amounts as per Notice vide Lr.no.SE/OP/HBG/\$AO/AAO-HT/HBG168/D.No.204/24. Demand dated 22-06-2024.

IA NO: 1 OF 2024

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent nos. 2 to 4 herein to restore power connection of the Petitioner bearing Consumer No. HGB1021 at Plot No.8, in Survey No.49 and 50, 1.D.A., Nacharam Village, Uppal, Hyderabad pending disposal of the writ petition.

IA NO: 2 OF 2024

Between:

- Southern Power Distribution Company of T.G. Ltd, Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director, Vidyuth Soudha, Somaji, uda, Hyderabad.
- Superintending Engineer-Operations, Habsiguda Circle, TSSPDCL, Uppal, Hyderabad.
- Asst. Divisional Engineer, Operations, Habsiguda Circle, TSSPDCL, Habsiguda, Uppal, Hyderabad.

...PETITIONERS/RESPONDENTS 2 TO 4

AND

 Dilpreet Tubes Pvt. Limited, Rep. by its Authorized Signatory, Regd Office and Factory Plot No.8, I.D.A. Nacharam, Hyderabad - 500075.

...RESPONDNETS/PETITIONER

 State of Telangana, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Power Department, Secretariat; Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENT/RESPONDENT NO.1

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to vacate the interim orders dated 14.08.2024 in WP. No. 22181 of 2024 and dismiss the writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI PRABHAKAR PERI

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2: GP FOR ENERGY

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.3 and 4: SRI N. SREEDHAR REDDY, SC

The Court made the following: ORDER

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA WRIT PETITION No.22181 of 2024

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner; learned Government Pleader for Energy appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2 and Sri N. Sreedhar Reddy, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.3 and 4.

- 2. This Writ Petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed seeking the following relief:
 - "....to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or direction declaring the action of the Respondent No.3 in issuing the impugned notice vide letter Lr. No.SE/OP/HBG/SAOP/AAONT/JAO-HT/HBG168/D.No.204/24 dated 22.06.2024 to thedemanding the payment of arrears of Rs.37,22,133/- along with surcharge up to the date of payment and further disconnecting the power connection of the Petitioner bearing No.HBG1021 as arbitrary, illegal and set aside the same and consequently direct the Respondents 2 to 4 to restore power connection of the Petitioner bearing Consumer No HBG1021 and not to insist for payment of the amounts as per Demand Notice vide No.SE/ P/HBG/SAOP/AAONT/JAO-Lr. HT/HBG168/D.No.204/24 dated 22.06.2024...."
- 3. It is stated that originally M/s. Delhi Tubes Private Limited was the owner of the property i.e. Plot No.P8 in Survey Nos.49 and 50 with land admeasuring Ac.4.00 guntas situated at IDA, Nacharam Village and Mandal, Kapra Municipality, R.R. District with a shed area admeasuring 67500 Sft. It is submitted that the said Delhi Tubes Private Limited had become indebted to several financial institutions i.e. APSFC, IBC, APIDC and United Bank of

India and ultimately the assets of the said company were seized on 20.11.1996 and put the property for sale by advertising in newspaper in September, 2001. In pursuance of the same petitioner paid the amount of Rs.253.10 lakhs towards sale consideration and got the sale deed document no.9910 of 2002 dated 02-11-2002 in its favour from the said Financial Institutions. Respondent Nos.2 & 3 have issued a notice in letter vide Lr.No.SE/OP/HBG/SAQ/AAO-HT/JAO/SAI/D.No.1278/20, dated 02.02.2021 to petitioner demanding for payment of the arrears and petitioner issued a reply dated 01-03-2021 denying liability. Thereafter there was no response/action from the Respondents. However, suddenly respondent No.3 issued impugned notice on 26.06.2024 proposing to disconnect the power connection if the amount is not paid and ultimately the same is disconnected on 30.07.2024. Aggrieved by the same, this writ petition is filed.

4. A counter affidavit has been filed by respondent Nos.2 to 4 wherein it is stated at paragraph No.5 that as per clause 84 of General Terms and Conditions of Supply a new service connection cannot be released to the said premises until clearance of the dues of the seller and the said clause is extracted hereunder:

"The seller of the property should clear all the dues to the Company before selling such property. If the seller did not clear the dues as mentioned above, the Company may refuse to supply electricity to the premises through the already existing connection or refuse to give a new connection to the premises till all dues to the Company are cleared".

It is also stated that respondents are entitled to recover the dues of the service connections from the new pwner and petitioner having purchased the property without enquiring about the due of electricity charges is liable to pay the arrears in respect of the subject service connections bearing SC. NoHBG168 which was provided to M/s. Delhi Tubes (P) Ltd. As the service connection of the petitioner is located in the subject premises where SC. NoHBG168 was provided to M/s. Delhi Tubes (P) Ltd existed, the service connection bearing SC. No.HBG1021 in the name of the petitioner shall have to be treated as a Link service and therefore, the Service Connection of the petitioner is liable to be disconnected for non-payment of the dues in respect of Service connection bearing SC. No. HBG168 as per Clause 10 of Regulation No. 7 of 2013 (Second Amendment to Regulation No. 5 of 2004).

5. In view of the same, the writ petition filed is devoid of merits and is dismissed, accordingly. No order as to costs.

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

> SD/-U. SUDHA ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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One CC to Sri F'rabhakar Peri, Advocate [OPUC]
 Two CCs to GP for Energy, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OU^T]
 One CC to Sri N. Sreedhar Reddy, SC[OPUC]

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HIGH COURT

DATED:23/07/2025

ORDER
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DISMISSING THE WRIT PETITION WITHOUT COSTS

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