

Disconnected the electric connection of a poor villager without any reason- Please take step

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Mr. Kausik Basak , WBCS (Exe.)
Government Nominee Director
West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company limited
Vidyut Bhavan, Block- DJ
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Respected Sir,

This complaint is to draw your attention to a victim of gross governmental negligence, Mr. Enamul Shah S/O Soleman Shah, resident of Debaipur village, Post Office- Debaipur, Police Station – Ranitala, Murshidabad district. He is an electric consumer with Consumer ID No.- 301457319 and Meter No.-BB0382340. On 06/02/2020, at 1:49 pm, an officer of Bhagwangola CCC's electric distribution went to his place regarding the payment of the electricity bill, which, for a fact was already paid up to date by the victim. The victim's brother, Maqbool Shah, also a BPL card holder had an unpaid bill pending so his electric connection was disconnected for the same reason but a second connection line was also given to him despite that. As per the victim, four electric connection line pertaining to a single courtyard in Debaipur Mouja No.-331 was authorized and installed.

On the orders of the Station Manager, the officers came and disconnected Mr. Enamul Shah's electricity line. Not only that, they also threatened to put the victim behind the bar which also exhibits the malicious intent behind such an act. This lack of electricity supply is affecting his children's education, their work and depriving them of their basic amenities like fan, water and light.

On 10/02/2020, an application was submitted addressed to the RE & Regional Manager of WBSEDCL (West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company limited) Murshidabad and AE& Station Manager, WBSEDCL, Bhagwangola CCC, Murshidabad stating their conditions and the unnecessary hurdle posed on them, but no one stepped up to resolve this issue, leaving them to sustain in this dire state.

Needless to emphasize on the need of the basic amenities, the victim's family is without any form of electricity from 06/02/2020 till today. This is a gross infringement of his legal right since his bill was already cleared up to date and therefore S.24 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 giving the power to discontinue electric supply of consumer on non-payment of bill stands invalid.

The Right to Electricity has been identified as a fundamental right through many High Court judgments as well shedding light on the importance and acceptance of electricity as a necessity. Keeping in mind Art.21 of the Indian Constitution along with Art.6(1) of International Covenant on Civil and Political Right, a gross infringement has occurred hampering the life of the victim and his family to a great extent. The arbitrary act by the officers show a malicious intent thereby should attract ideal criminal charges against them

Many questions arise pertaining to the illegalities resorted and require your urgent intervention:

- In spite of being a separate family and having paid the bill, why was the electricity connection of the victim's family illegally disconnected?
- Why wasn't any prior notice given to the victim about such a step?
- Why was the victim's brother given a second electric connection line despite having a pending bill?
- Why are illegal connections given in the first place infringing the rules of WBSEDCL?
- How was four connection line authorized and installed in a single courtyard?

These questions shed light on several illegalities and demand your urgent intervention:

1. The electric connection of Mr. Enamul Shah must be immediately restored.
2. The act of the officers must attract criminal charges for maliciously threatening the victim and illegally disconnecting the electric connection.
3. The several illegalities in securing electric connection undertaken by WBSEDCL infringing its own rules must be looked into.
4. The guilty station manager and the officers must be held accountable for resorting to illegal means to harass the victim.
5. There was gross inaction even after sending complaints to the Regional Manager and Station Manager which must also be looked into and held accountable.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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Assistant Secretary,
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