

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 2982/2024

Khalid Jahangir Malik

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Arshad Hussian, Adv.

vs

U. T of J&K and others

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Ravinder Gupta, AAG

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAVED IQBAL WANI, JUDGE

ORDER
24.12.2024

ORAL:

1. In the instant writ petition, the petitioner herein has prayed for the following reliefs:

- (i) **Writ of Certiorari;** Quashing of Electricity Bill issued vide Consumer ID No. 0103020036031, Installation No. BH/B/202 dated 05.11.2024 of Rs. 56,48,588/- and after due date Rs. 57,33,317/- dated 27.11.2024.
- (ii) **Writ of Mandamus;** Commanding/Directing the respondents to restore power supply of the premises i.e. M/s Peer Panchal Educational Trust, Kote Bhalwal Kanger Morh, Jammu.
- (iii) **Writ of Mandamus;** Commanding/Direction may kindly be issued to the respondents to calculate the electricity bill as per Load sanctioned 4000 Watts to the petitioner by the respondent no. 4 dated 27.02.2006.

2. The foresaid reliefs have been prayed on the premise that the respondents herein issued an unreasonable exorbitant electricity bill dated 31.10.2024 amounting to Rs. 56,48,588/- against an electricity connection availed by the petitioner herein under installation No. BH/B/202 for a load initially 4000 Watts and later unilaterally enhanced to 11000 Watts.

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It is being stated that the petitioner upon receipt of the said bill from the respondents approached the respondents and lodged his grievance thereof by way of a representation, which representation, however, was not considered, consequent to which, the petitioner filed the instant petition.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

3. The petitioner herein indisputably has raised a dispute about the correctness of the amount of the electricity bill amounting to Rs. 56,48,588/- dated 31.10.2024, inasmuch as the enhancement of the load alleged to have been enhanced by the respondents unilaterally and at his back.

The issue regarding the correctness of the electricity bill as also the enhanced load by a consumer has to be dealt with by the competent authority designated and provided under the provisions of the Electricity Act 2003 and the rules framed thereunder in accordance with the mechanism laid down therein.

4. Under these circumstances, this Court is not inclined to exercise extraordinary writ jurisdiction and leave it open to the petitioner to invoke the appropriate remedy in this regard as may be available to him under the provisions of the Electricity Act (supra) and the rules framed thereunder.

5. Disposed of.

(JAVED IQBAL WANI)
JUDGE

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Whether the order is speaking: Yes/No
Whether the order is reportable: Yes/No