

08.07.2026
Court No. 12
Item No. 05
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

M.A.T. 1060 of 2026
IA No : CAN 1 of 2026

Sudhir Kumar Patra & Ors.
-Versus-

**West Bengal State Electricity Distribution
Company Limited & Ors.**

Mr. Sharanya Chatterjee,
Ms. Riya Kundu,
Mr. Subhajit Barman
.....for the appellants.
Mr. S. S. Koley
....for the WBSEDCL.

- 1) The appeal arises out of an order dated June 23, 2026 passed in W.P.A. 13186 of 2026.
- 2) By the order impugned, the learned single Judge dismissed the writ petition, by refusing the prayer of the appellants to pay back the dues of the WBSEDCL, in instalments.
- 3) Learned advocate for the appellants submits that Swapna Rani Patra has since paid a sum of Rs. 82,596.71/-, which was the due against the commercial connection enjoyed by Swapna Rani Patra, wife of Sudhir Patra.
- 4) Under such circumstances, the connection of Swapna Rani Patra shall be restored within a period of 48 hours upon payment of Rs. 6,951.01 (LPSC) and reconnection charges. With regard to the dues of Sudhir Patra and Pritam Patra, who are father and son and who enjoy agricultural connection, we direct that the dues shall be

paid in instalments and simultaneously upon payment of Rs. 50,000/- by each Sudhir Patra and Pritam Patra against their individual agricultural connections and the reconnection charges, their supply will be restored.

5) As it is alleged that reconnection to one agricultural connection will lead to unauthorized use by the other consumer, it is made clear that, unless both of them pay the amount, supply to none of them will be restored. The remaining amount along with the LPSC charges in respect of the claims against Sudhir Patra and Pritam Patra shall be paid in four equal monthly instalments. The WBSEDCL shall prepare a bill for each of these consumers, indicating the month and the date of instalments.

6) It is also made clear that, upon reconnection of supply, the appellants shall go on paying the regular monthly electricity bill. In the event of default in payment of any of the instalments as directed above, or of the monthly charges, the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited shall be at liberty to disconnect the supply.

7) The order impugned is set aside.

8) Accordingly, the appeal and the connected application are disposed of.

9) Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)