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Writ Petition(s) (Criminal) No(s). 358/2026

DR. MEENA P.N. SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 268415/2026 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION and IA No. 268402/2026 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

Date : 10-09-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

For Petitioner(s) : Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Application for permission to appear and argue in person is allowed.

2. The instantis Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking: (i) quashing of FIR No. 1216/2015 registered at Police Station Vasant Kunj (South) under Sections 448, 323, 454, 511 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860; (ii) interference with the disputed electricity demand raised by the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam ("DHBVN") in respect of House No. 1460, K Block, Palam Vihar, Gurugram; and (iii) interference with the disputed demand for water and sewerage

charges raised by the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram in respect of the same premises.

3. Insofar as the subject FIR is concerned, the dispute pertains to the possession of Flat No. 1260, Sector-D, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The petitioner asserts title to and lawful possession of the said property, whereas the FIR arises out of a rival claim concerning the same premises. Since neither the complainant nor the rival claimant is before us, we refrain from expressing any opinion on the question of title or possession, and leave the rights and contentions of the parties in that regard open.

4. The record further reveals that the petitioner has already challenged FIR No. 1216/2015 before the High Court of Delhi in CrI. M.C. No. 517/2026. By order dated 10.08.2026, the learned Single Judge of the High Court directed as follows:

"1. Mr. Shoaib Haider, learned APP for the State has presented the status report. However, the same is lying under objection.

2. Let the objections be cured and a copy thereof be supplied to the petitioner by registered post. Let the status report be also placed in the digital record of the Court before the next date of hearing.

3. List on 02.02.2027.

4. In the meantime, there shall be stay of the impugned FIR No.1216/2015."

5. Thus, the subject FIR presently stands stayed by the High Court. We clarify that, for so long as the interim order dated 10.08.2026 remains in operation, the Trial Court shall not proceed against the petitioner pursuant to FIR No. 1216/2015. This clarification shall remain subject to any further order that may be passed by the High Court.

6. The remaining grievances concern House No. 1460, K Block, Palam Vihar, Gurugram, where the petitioner claims to have been residing since her return from the United Kingdom in March 2025. As regards the electricity connection, the petitioner disputes a demand stated to be approximately Rs. 34,000/-, alleging that it includes historical arrears which are not relatable to the current consumption. She further alleges that DHBVN has declined to accept payment of the current consumption charges and that the electricity supply to the premises has previously been disconnected on three occasions.

7. As regards the demand raised by the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram, the petitioner relies upon successive notices dated 05.08.2025 and 25.04.2026, reflecting demands of Rs. 1,30,334/- and Rs. 1,49,657/-, respectively, towards water and sewerage charges. She contends that the charges have been computed with reference to the size of the plot rather than the actual metered consumption, and that the notices threaten disconnection of the water and sewerage connections.

8. The petitioner contends that the recovery of the historical electricity arrears is impermissible, *inter alia*, having regard to Section 56(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003. She separately disputes the basis and quantification of the water and sewerage demand raised by the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram.

9. The aforesaid disputes involve an examination of the relevant billing, consumption, meter and account records and are, therefore, required to be considered by a competent forum. We accordingly grant liberty to the petitioner to approach the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), Gurugram, by filing an appropriate application in respect of the subsisting electricity and water and sewerage demands. If such an application is filed, the Permanent Lok Adalat shall deal with it in accordance with law, including by following the prescribed conciliation process, calling for the relevant records from the concerned authorities and, if necessary, adjudicating the dispute on its merits.

10. Meanwhile, subject to the petitioner approaching the Permanent Lok Adalat within a period of two weeks from today and to the deposit, within one week from today, of 25% of the amount claimed under the latest subsisting disputed demand raised by each authority, DHBVN and the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram shall not take any coercive steps or disconnect or withdraw the electricity, water or sewerage facilities at the aforesaid premises until the

application is disposed of. The petitioner shall, however, continue to pay the undisputed current consumption charges as and when they fall due. Any deposit made pursuant to this order shall remain subject to the final outcome of the proceedings before the Permanent Lok Adalat.

11. Insofar as FIR No. 1216/2015 is concerned, the petitioner has already invoked the jurisdiction of the High Court and has also obtained *interim* protection. She is granted liberty to move an appropriate application before the High Court seeking advancement of the date of hearing. If such an application is filed, we request the High Court to consider it expeditiously and endeavour to decide Cr1. M.C. No. 517/2026 on its own merits, preferably on or before 30.11.2026.

12. The Writ Petition is disposed of in the above terms. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR