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CRR 1913 of 2026

Ravi Kumar Arora

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Anr.

Mr. Nigam Ashish Chakraborty

Ms. Ankita Paul

Ms. Sweta Kapuria

...for the petitioner

Mr. Kallol Mondal

Mr. Subir Ganguly

Mr. Sandip Prasad Shaw

...for the State

Mr. Kousik Gupta

Mr. Anirban TArafder

Mr. Sayak Kumar

...for opposite party no.2

The petitioner seeks quashing of the proceedings arising out of Bowbazar Police Station Case No. 54 of 2026, dated April 2, 2026, under Sections 135 and 138 of the Electricity Act, 2003, in connection with SPL Case No. 15 of 2026, pending before the learned Electricity Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta.

Learned advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that, although the petitioner is a tenant in respect of the premises situated at 21, Kenderdine Lane, Kolkata-700012, he does not reside there. He resides at Flat No. 1303, Block-A2, Emami City, 2, Jessore Road, Police Station-Dum Dum, Kolkata-700028.

It is submitted before this Court that the meter in question stands in the name of the landlord of the petitioner and that the petitioner has no involvement whatsoever in the alleged tampering of the said meter. It is further submitted that the petitioner's passport, Aadhaar Card, and other documents would demonstrate that he resides at Emami City, Jessore Road. On such basis, it is contended

that the present criminal proceedings ought to be quashed insofar as the petitioner is concerned.

Mr. Kousik Gupta, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation (CESC), on the other hand, submits that the statements made in paragraph 25 of the petition demonstrate that the petitioner had access to the meter in question. It is further submitted that, although the meter stands in the name of the landlord, the landlord does not reside at the said premises and the premises are in the exclusive possession of the petitioner. It is also submitted that the petitioner has responded to the notice issued to him under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

At this stage, the investigation is still in progress. Therefore, no interference by this Court is warranted.

This Court is, accordingly, not inclined to quash the proceedings at this stage.

The petitioner may ordinarily reside at Emami City, Jessore Road. However, that circumstance does not necessarily imply that the petitioner could not, under any circumstances, have tampered with the meter installed at the premises in his possession. The factual controversy raised in the present revisional application can appropriately be adjudicated only upon a proper and effective investigation by the Investigating Agency.

It is, however, submitted by learned advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner seeks to place certain documents before the Investigating Agency, but that the Agency has declined to consider the same.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this revisional application is disposed of with a direction upon the Investigating Agency to duly consider the documents produced by the petitioner in accordance with law and to conclude the investigation expeditiously by arriving at a reasoned and logical conclusion.

With the aforesaid observations and directions, **CRR 1913 of 2026** is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the learned advocates for the parties on usual undertakings.

(Kausik Chanda, J.)