

## THE ELECTRICITY OMBUDSMAN, UTTARAKHAND

Shri Ikram  
S/o Shri Yasin  
Village Maheshpura, Tehsil Bazpur,  
Distt. Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand

Vs

The Executive Engineer,  
Electricity Distribution Division,  
Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd.  
Bazpur, Distt. Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand

Representation No. 16/2022

### **Order**

Dated: 29.07.2022

Whereas, being aggrieved with Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum, Kumaon Zone (hereinafter referred to as Forum) order dated 19.02.2022 in his complaint no. 14/2022, before the said Forum, against UPCL through Executive Engineer, Electricity Distribution Division, Bazpur (hereinafter referred to as respondent) Shri Ikram S/o Yasin, Village Maheshpura, Tehsil Bazpur, Distt. Udham Singh Nagar has preferred this appeal for justified orders in the appeal.

2. Whereas, after perusal of records it is established to be as case of theft of electricity, a cognizable offence under section 135 of Electricity Act, 2003 as per checking report dated 19.01.2022 of SDO concerned, who is one of the authorized officers for checking such cases and all procedures as prescribed under relevant regulations has been followed and assessment for a sum of Rs. 15,426.00 has been raised against the petitioner to recover the cost of the energy consumed by him by tapping from the LT mains without meter and FIR has also been lodged with the police station as required under the Act.
3. And whereas, while the proceedings in the case were going on and hearing was fixed for 25.07.2022, the petitioner has submitted a letter dated 23.07.2022 wherein he has confessed his offence and has also deposited the assessment amount Rs. 15,426.00 vide receipt dated 23.07.2022, a copy of which had been adduced by him and has

mentioned that he is no more interested in any further proceedings on his appeal. The respondent Executive Engineer has also confirmed the same vide his letter no. 1073 dated 23.07.2022.

4. Therefore it is being an established case of theft of electricity, a cognizable offence under section 135 of the Act, the instant petition cannot be decided here on merits, being out of Ombudsman's jurisdiction. The petition is therefore disposed off without passing any orders on merits.

Dated: 29.07.2022

(Subhash Kumar)  
Ombudsman