## ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD.

C.P.No.D- 642 of 2015

## DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

1. For orders on MA 3005/2015.

2. For Katcha Peshi.

03.06.2015.

Mr. Asif Gul Bhatti, Advocate for petitioner. Mr. Allah Bachayo Soomr, Additional A.G. Mr. Muhammad Humayoon Khan, Standing Counsel a/w Javed Shaikh U.D.C on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

Pursuant to Court notice, the representative of respondents No.1 to 4 has shown appearance and submits that since on examination of the meter which was installed at the premises of the petitioner, has been found that meter was tampered and proper reading was not recorded, therefore, impugned bill was issued by including the units which were consumed by the petitioner and however were not charged by the HESCO.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that matter may be referred to the Electric Inspector who may decide the controversy after providing proper opportunity of being heard to the petitioner whereas petitioner is willing to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- in respect of the disputed amount charged by the HESCO and also will make payment of his current bill. However, the respondents may be directed to restore the electricity of the petitioner who is facing serious hardship on account of disconnection of electricity in this hot season.

The official present in Court does not oppose such request of the learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that they will issue a fresh bill today in respect of the month of May 2015 containing the current charges alongwith an amount of Rs.50,000/- being payment in respect of disputed amount and as soon as such amount will be deposited by the petitioner, the electricity of the petitioner will be restored immediately.

Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to approach the concerned Electric Inspector by filing an application in accordance with Section 26 of Electricity Act 1910 who shall decide the matter in accordance with law after providing opportunity of being heard to the concerned parties. In the meanwhile, respondents are directed to issue a fresh bill for the month of May 2015 containing current charges and an amount of Rs.50,000/- being payment in respect of disputed amount which shall be paid by the petitioner and thereafter, the electricity of the petitioner will be restored. Such arrangement would be continued till decision of the Electric Inspector.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms alongwith listed application.

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