CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM;

MSEDCL NAGPUR (RURAL) ZONE NAGPUR COMPLAINT NO. 08/2014

Shri Santosh Balaji Patil At. Po.Waigaon, Tq.Samudrapur, District - Wardha.

Complainant

,,VS..

- 1. Executive Engineer, MSEDCL,O&M Division, Hinganghat.
- 2. Executive Engineer/Nodal Officer, I. G. R. C., Circle Office, MSEDCL,Wardha.

Respondents

Applicant represented by 1) Dr,N,N,Behare, Authorized representative Respondents represented by 1) Shri H.M.Patil, Junior Engineer, Samudrapur Sub-Dn.

<u>CORAM:</u> Shri Vishnu S. Bute, Chairman. Adv. Gauri D. Chandrayan, Member Ms. S. B. Chiwande, Member-Secretary.

JUDGEMENT

(Delivered on this 15th day of March, 2014)

2. Shri Santosh Balaji Patil, r/o Waigaon, Po.Waigaon, Tq.Samudrapur, Dist.Wardha (hereinafter referred to as, the applicant) had been given power supply for agricultural purpose by the MSEDCL (hereinafter referred to as, the respondent). It is the contention of the applicant that his well collapsed inside in the year 1999. Since then there is no pump set on the well. There is no power consumption by the applicant. He requested that the bill given to him is wrong. He requested to waive the bill amount. Wardha. IGRC He approached the IGRC The passed order under no.SE/Wardh/Tech/IGRC/219 dated 08-01-2014 and dismissed his application.

The applicant presented the instant application under the provisions contained in Regulation 6.4 of the MERC (CGRF and E.O.) Regulations 2006 on 31-01-2014.

3. A copy of the application was given to the respondent. The respondent was directed to submit parawise reply. The respondent submitted reply under no.EE/O&M /H'ghat/Tech/690 dated 21-02-2014. The case was fixed for personal hearing on 10-03-2014. Dr.N.N.Behare, authorized representative was present for the applicant. Shri H. M.Patil, Junior Engineer, Samudrapur, Sub Division represented the respondent. Both the parties were heard.

4. Dr.N.N.Behare argued that the applicant got the electricity supply on 30-09-1996. Sometime in the year 1999 his well collapsed. There was no water in the well, so he removed the pump set. Since then there is no power consumption for the agricultural pump. He informed about this situation to the local officers of the respondent. However without any verification the respondent kept on giving him the electricity bills.

The respondent issued the bill for the period 15-06-2013 to 15-09-2013 of 271 units. As per the bill right from the beginning his consumption is of 7680 units. The bill is of Rs.54,350/-. Since 1999 there is no water in the well and the applicant is not using the electricity. So the bills issued to him are false and fictitious. The applicant finally requested to set aside the bills and to waive the bill amount.

5. Shri Patil, Junior Engineer, referred to the written reply dated 21-02-2014. Shri Patil further stated that the power supply was given to the applicant on 30-09-1996. His consumer number is 396350100670 and his meter number is 9000023192. As per the

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applicant he is not using the electricity since 1999. However he has not given any intimation to the respondent. On the contrary he deposited a bill amount on 16-06-2010. This show that he was using the electricity. The applicant is in arrears of Rs.54,350/-. So the Junior Engineer, Samudrapur permanently disconnected his power supply on 24-12-2013. There is no force in the application. It may be dismissed

6. We have perused the record. We have heard the arguments advanced by both the parties carefully. The applicant submitted with his application a copy of the order of the IGRC Wardha dated 08-01-2014 & a bill of September 2013. Except these two documents, the applicant has not produced any oral or documentary evidence in support of the contentions raised by him. There is absolutely no evidence on record to show (i) that the well of the applicant collapsed in 1999 (ii) that he removed the pump set and the installations in 1999 (iii) that he stopped electricity consumption in 1999 (iv) that he informed the respondent about the situation immediately. In absence of any evidence we are not inclined to accept the claim of the applicant.

7. So we pass the following order.

<u>ORDER</u>

- i) Application No.08 of 2014 is hereby dismissed.
- ii) The parties to bear their own cost.

Sd/-Sd/-Sd/-(Adv.Gauri D.Chandrayan)(Ms.S.B.Chiwande)(Vishnu S. Bute)MEMBERMEMBER SECRETARYCHAIRMANCONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM; NAGPUR ZONE NAGPUR(Nagpur Dtd.15th day of March, 2014)

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Certified copy of order dated 15th March, 2014 in Case No.08 / 2014 is

enclosed herewith.

Member-Secy/ Exe.Engineer, C.G.R.F.(NZ)MSEDCL NAGPUR

To.

Shri Santosh Balaji Patil, At.Po.Waigaon

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1. The Chief Engineer(NZ), MSEDCL, Vidyut Bhavan, Katol Road, Nagpur.

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- 1. The Executive Engineer/Nodal Officer., O&M Circle Office, MSEDCL.Wardha
- 2. The Executive Engineer, C.C.O&M Dn., MSEDCL, Hinganghat for information and necessary action.

Address of the Electricity Ombudsman is given as below.

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