CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM;

MSEDCL NAGPUR (RURAL) ZONE NAGPUR COMPLAINT NO. 36/2015

Shri Shankar B. Gujarkar At.Po.Sirasgaon Tq.Hinganghat 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) Shri B.V.Betal, Authorized representative
- Respondents represented by 1) Shri A.V.Tupkar, Dy.Exe. Engineer Hinganghat (R)

CORAM:

Shri Vishnu S. Bute, Chairman. Adv. Gauri D. Chandrayan, Member Smt.D.D.Madelwar, Member-Secretary.

JUDGEMENT

(Delivered on this 25th day of May, 2015)

2. Shri Shankar B. Gujarkar, At.Po.Sirasgaon, Tq.Hinganghat, Dist.Wardha – the applicant had applied to the MSEDCL – the respondent for new agricultural connection. According to the applicant the respondent failed to release the connection within the stipulated period. As such he is entitle for compensation as per the provisions contained in 2014 Regulations.

The IGRC Wardha dismissed his application by an order passed on 10-03-2015. as he was absent at the time of hearing. The applicant approached this forum on 20-04-2015. The forum heard the case on 25-05-2015.

- 3. Shri B.V.Betal argued that the applicant submitted the test report on 23-04-2015. The respondents have not released the connection till today. So the applicant may be awarded the compensation. Secondly the respondents charged Rs.435/- as estimate amount. The respondent recovered this amount illegally. The respondent may be directed to refund the amount with interest.
- 4. Shri A.V.Tupkar, Dy.Executive Engineer represented the respondents. He rejected the claim of the applicant. It was stated that to provide connection to the applicant it is necessary to lay the LT line admeasuring 0.12 k.m. The applicant may claim compensation after a period of three months from 23-04-2015. As on today his application is premature. It may be dismissed. The respondent admitted to verify, if the amount of Rs.435/- is recovered illegally. If it is found so, the respondent agreed to refund the amount.
- 5. We have perused the record. We have heard the arguments advanced by both the parties.

Regulation 4.8 prescribe the time limit for release of connection, It reads reads as under.

"Where the supply of electricity to a premise requires extension or augmentation of distributing mains, the Distribution Licensee shall give supply to such premises within three (3) months from the date of receipt of the completed application and payment of charges. The extension or augmentation of distributing mains includes the extension of HT, LT lines and augmentation of distribution transformer substation."

After hearing the parties and upon perusal of the record it reveal that the

applicant had submitted the complete application on 23-04-2015. So he is entitle for connection within a period of three months from 23-04-2015. Aforesaid period will be over on 22-07-2015. So as on today the applicant can not claim the compensation. We agree with contention of the respondent that the application is premature.

The respondent may verify the record and take necessary action about the amount of Rs.435/- recovered from the applicant..

- 6. In absence of any evidence much less reliable and cogent evidence we are not inclined to accept other claims of the applicant.
- 7. In view of the position discussed above we pass the following order,

ORDER

- i) The claim for compensation presented by the applicant is hereby dismissed.
- ii) The MSEDCL may take necessary action about the amount of Rs.435/-recovered from the applicant.
- iii) No order as to cost.

Sd/- sd/- sd/
(Adv.Gauri D.Chandrayan) (Smt.D.D.Madelwar) (Vishnu S. Bute)

MEMBER MEMBER SECRETARY CHAIRMAN

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(Nagpur Dtd.25th day of May, 2015)

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Certified copy of order dated 25^{th} May, 2015 in Case No.36 / 2015 is enclosed herewith.

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

To, Shri Shankar B. Gujarkar, At.Po.Sirasgaon Tq.Hinganghat, Dist.Wardha Copy s.w.r.to:-

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

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