

**Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s
Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum
Nagpur Urban Zone, Nagpur**

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/206/2014

Applicant : Shri Swapnil Anil Ahirkar,
H. No. 25, Vijay Nagar, Chhaoni,
Nagpur.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Superintending Engineer,
(Distribution Franchisee),
MSEDCL, N.U.C.,
NAGPUR.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Shivajirao S. Patil,
Chairman.

2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar
Member.

3) Shri Anil Shrivastava,
Member / Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 22.10.2014.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 25.8.2014 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

2. The applicant's case in brief is that he received excessive bill of June 2014. Being aggrieved by the order of Learned I.G.R.C. he approached to this Forum.

3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply Dt. 12.9.2014. It is submitted that grievance application deserves to be dismissed.

4. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused the record.

5. There are two floors to the building, ground and first floor. Spot inspection report Dt. 6.9.2014 shows that there is sufficient load. We have carefully perused consumption of the applicant in June 2012. It is noteworthy that in June 2012 consumption of the applicant was 1177 units. In May 2012 his consumption was 1574 units. In April 2012 his consumption was 1329 units. In March 2012 his consumption was 1000 units. In July 2012 his consumption was 1189 units.

6. In the year 2013 in May 990 units, in June 990 units in July 829 units was the consumption of the applicant.

7. In April 2014 his consumption was 1143 units in May 2014, 1277 units, in June 2014 1332 units in July 2014 901 units. Therefore, consumption pattern of the applicant in 2012, 2013 & 2014 was similar and identical. It is three phase connection and there is sufficient load shown in spot inspection report.

8. Meter of the applicant is tested and as per meter testing report Dt. 26.7.2014, it found O.K. Therefore there is no scope for any revision and grievance application deserves to be dismissed. We must mention here that there is ground floor and first floor. It is an admitted

fact that there is separate meter and on first floor there is a separate meter. As per relevant regulations of MERC, there can be only one meter for one premises. It appears that in spot inspection Col. 10, there is specific note that there is another meter on the spot Consumer No. 410017395550 RL – 3 Phase, used by ground + first floor. Therefore it is clear that load on ground floor and first floor is diverted by the applicant in two different meters in his own name with a view to get slab benefit and it is not permissible at law. Non applicant is hereby directed to check this situation and to act in accordance with regulations. With these observations, Forum proceeds to pass following order : -

ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is dismissed.
- 2) SNDL is hereby directed to inspect spot and to verify why there are two separate meters in the same name for same premises and if it is found, to take action in accordance with relevant regulations.
- 3) report compliance within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/-
(Anil Shrivastava)
MEMBER
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(Adv. Subhash Jichkar)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(Shivajirao S. Patil),
CHAIRMAN