

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/6/2017

Applicant : Shri Vilas S.Selkar
At.Po.Sirasgaon
Tq.Hinganghat
Dist.Wardha.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Executive Engineer,
O&M Division,MSEDCL, Hinganghat.

Applicant's Representative :- Shri Betal,

Respondent by:- 1) Shri Pawade, E.E.,Hinganghat Dn.
2) Shri Awachat, DyEE Hinganghat(R) S/Dn.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Shivajirao S.Patil
CHAIRMAN

2) Mrs.V.N.Parihar
Member/Secretary

3) Shri N.V.Bansod,
Member

ORDER PASSED ON 27.02.2017.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 10.01.2017 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as said Regulations).

2. Applicant's case in brief is that he applied for agricultural connection on 21-05-2015. Demand was issued on 02-02-2017. Therefore applicant claimed compensation for issuing late demand.

3. Non applicant, denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 03.02.2017. It is submitted that date of application is 21-05-2015 and demand is issued on 02-02-2017. After applicant paid amount of demand and after submission of test report supply will be released.
4. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused record.
5. Date of application is 21-05-2015 and date of demand is 02-02-2017 therefore there is delay in issuing demand for the period 21-06-2015 to 01-02-2017 and applicant is entitled for compensation for delay in issuing demand for the period 21-06-2015 to 01-02-2017 according to MERC's SOP Regulation.
6. It is rather surprising that though other formalities are not completed by the applicant till filing of grievance application on 10-01-2017 even then he claimed for issuance of direction to release the supply. This case is filed on 10-01-2017. Till presentation of this case, applicant did not pay amount of demand nor filed test report. Amount of demand was paid on 03-02-2017 and test report was filed on 04-02-2017 i.e. after about one month of present grievance application in this case. The request of the applicant to issue direction to release the supply is premature. It is noteworthy that test report is submitted on 04-02-2017. Infrastructure is not ready and there is 90 days time for releasing supply in this case from the date of filing test report on 04-02-2017. Even then applicant appears to be very greedy person who had mentioned premature claim of releasing supply without completing necessary formalities. It is not proper and legal. Therefore claim for releasing the supply is premature and therefore rejected at this stage.

7. For these reasons we proceed to pass the following order.

ORDER

1. Grievance application is partly allowed.
2. Non-applicant is directed to pay compensation to the applicant for delay in issuing demand for the period 21-06-2015 to 01-02-2017 according to MERC's SOP Regulation.
3. Claim for issuing direction to release the supply is premature on the date of filing grievance application therefore it is rejected at this stage. However if supply is not release within stipulated time applicant is at liberty to approach to learned IGRC, if the Regulation and circumstance permit.
4. Non-applicant is directed to comply within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/-
(N.V.Bansod)
MEMBER

sd/-
(Mrs.V.N.Parihar)
MEMBER/SECRETARY

sd/-
(Shivajirao S. Patil),
CHAIRMAN