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

## Case No. CGRF(NZ)/11/2017

Applicant : M/s.Indus Towers Ltd.

2010, E-Core, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Marvel Edge, Viman Nagar

Pune-411014

Non-applicant: Nodal Officer,

The Superintending Engineer, Urban Circle, MSEDCL, Nagpur.

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Applicant's representative :- Shri Talware,

Respondent by:- 1) Shri Vairagade, EE, Nodal Circle Nagpur

2) Shri Takam, AA, Nodal Circle Nagpur.

3) Dahashshtra, SNDL, Nagpur

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Quorum Present:

1) Shri Shivajirao S.Patil CHAIRMAN

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

3) Shri N.V.Bansod, Member

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## ORDER PASSED ON 10.03.2017.

- 1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 16.01.2017 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 refund of security deposit but it is not refunded.

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Particular of the connections are given in the table as under,

Sr.	Consumer No.	Bu Name	SD	Date of Ack.	Refund	Division
No.			pending			
1	410015693171	4685	23550	18-May-2015	Not	Spanco
		Tulshibag			received	
2	410016732218	4685	10000	18-May-2015	Not	Spanco
		Tulshibag			received	
3	410011256060	4687 Itwari	17920	18-May-2015	Not	Spanco
					received	
4	410015652610	4678	10400	15-Aug-2015	Not	Spanco
		CivilLine			received	

Therefore amount of security deposit and compensation as per SOP may be granted.

- 3. Non applicant, denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 31.01.2017. Consumer at Sr.No.1 Br.No.410015693171 is not the consumer within the meaning of definition of consumer laid down u/s.2(15) of Electricity Act 2003. Therefore application deserves to be dismiss. There are arrears of Rs.31570 against the applicant whereas amount of security deposit is 23550/-. Therefore no amount can be refunded.
- 4. Consumer at Sr.No.3 Br.No.410011256060 is not the consumer because name of the consumer is M/s.Ramkrishna R.P. Pvt.Ltd. but the applicant is M/s Indus Towers therefore his application is not tenable at law. There are arrears of Rs.15930/- against this consumer and bill was adjusted in June-2016 against security deposit is Rs.17920/- and balance security deposit outstanding amount of Rs.1990/- is balance M/s. Ramkrishna R.P. Pvt.Ltd.
- 5. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused record.
- 6. 1) So far as consumer at Sr.No.1 Br.No.410015693171 is concerned he is not the consumer according to the definition of consumer laid down U/s.2(15) of

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Electricity Act 2003. Therefore his application is not tenable at law. Secondly there are arrears of Rs.31570/- against this consumer and amount of security deposit is Rs.23550/-. Therefore bill was adjusted in July-2016 against security deposit Rs.23550/-. Again consumer has to pay balance outstanding Rs.8080/- to the non-applicant therefore application of this consumer deserves to be dismiss.

2) So far as consumer at Sr.No.3 Br.No.410011256060 is concerned name of the consumer is M/s.Ramkrishna R.P. Pvt.Ltd. whereas in this case applicant is M/s Indus Towers applied for refund of security deposit therefore applicant M/s Indus Towers is not the consumer. The application is not tenable at law.

Furthermore there are arrears of Rs.15930/- against this consumer whereas amount of security deposit is Rs.17920/- and bill was adjusted in June-2016 balance security deposit outstanding amount of Rs.1990/- is to be paid to real M/s. Ramkrishna R.P. Pvt.Ltd. Therefore application of M/s. Indus Tower who is not consumer at not tenable at law and deserves to be dismiss.

3) So far as consumer at Sr.No.2 & 4 respectively Consumer No.410016732218 and No.410015652610 are concerned date of application is pleaded as 18-05-2015 and 15-08-2015. However it is noteworthy that 15-08-2015 means it was the "Independent day" of 15 August-2015 and on that day they can not be in the office of MSEDCL being Holiday. Therefore it is clear that date of acknowledgement of the application 15-08-2015 is bogus. According to MSEDCL date of acknowledgement of application is 08-09-2015. Stipulated time to refund of security deposit amount is 30 days but there was delay therefore non-applicant is liable to pay compensation consumer No. 2 & 4 for late refunded of security deposit amount for the period 09-10-2015 to 02-02-2017 according to MERC's SOP

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Regulation.

7. Hence the following order.

## ORDER

- Non-applicant is directed to pay compensation to consumer at Sr.No.2 & 4
   Br.No.410016732218 & Cons.No.410015652610 for late refund of security
   deposit amount for the period 09-10-2015 till 02-02-2017 according to MERC's
   SOP Regulation.
- Application of consumer at Sr.No.1 & 3 Br.No.410015693171 & Cons. No.410011256060 are dismissed.
- 3. Non-applicant is directed to comply within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/- sd/- sd/- (N.V.Bansod) (Mrs.V.N.Parihar) (Shivajirao S. Patil), MEMBER MEMBER/SECRETARY CHAIRMAN

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