Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum Nagpur Urban Zone, Nagpur Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/114/2014

Applicant	: Shri Ganpat Umaji Maske, Thr:- Suresh G. Maske, 245, VHB Colony, Chandannagar Nagpur.
Non–applicant	: Nodal Officer, The Superintending Engineer, (Distribution Franchisee), MSEDCL, NAGPUR.
<u>Quorum Present</u>	: 1) Shri Vishnu S. Bute, Chairman.
	2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar Member.
	3) Shri B.A. Wasnik,

Member Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 13.5.2014.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 7.5.2014 under Regulation 6.5 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 applicant is a residential consumer of the non applicant bearing consumer No.

410010440126. His supply was disconnected on Dt. 28.4.2014 with giving any notice as per rules. The applicant complained to Rambagh office same day, but till today supply has not been restored by the non applicant. Hence the applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum for restoration of supply.

3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 6.5.2014. It is submitted that the said connection number 410010440126 was released on Dt. 21.1.1972 in the name of Shri Ganpat Umaji Maske. As such, applicant Shri Suresh G. Maske is not the consumer within the meaning of Section 2 (15) of I.E. Act 2003. However, it is observed that the meter installed at the above premises bearing No. 22/09563264 is old electromagnetic meter. Therefore the staff of non applicant went to the premises of the applicant for replacement of old meter. But the applicant did not allow the non applicant's staff to replace the meter. As such the supply of the applicant was disconnected. Hence Grievance application may be dismissed.

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

5. Forum has observed that the applicant's meter is old electromagnetic meter which needs replacement as per directives of higher authorities. However, as the applicant did not allow the staff of the non applicant to replace the meter, his supply was rightly disconnected by the non applicant. Hence the applicant is directed to allow the staff of the non applicant to change the meter, after which only his supply should be restored by the non applicant.

7. For these reasons, Forum proceeds to pass following order: -

ORDER

1) Grievance application is dismissed.

Sd/-(**B.A. Wasnik**) MEMBER SECRETARY Sd/-(Adv. Subhash Jichkar) MEMBER Sd/-(Vishnu S. Bute), CHAIRMAN