

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

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/109/2014

Applicant : Shri Sayyad Imran Ali,
Plot No. 23, Vitthal
Rukhmininagar,
Nagpur : 13.

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

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Vishnu S. Bute,
Chairman.

2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar
Member.

3) Shri Anil Shrivastava,
Member / Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 27.5.2014.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 5.5.2014 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 applicant is a residential consumer of the non applicant bearing Consumer No. 410014254777. When he purchased the said house approximately two years ago there was only one meter existing in the premises in respect of consumer No. 410014254777. He has been paying electricity bills

regularly towards the above consumer number. Suddenly an amount of Rs. 11093/- was added in the bill of March 2014. On enquiry it has been revealed that the said arrears pertain to Consumer No. 410016515250 which has been made P.D. and the said amount is required to be paid by the applicant. He approached to I.G.R.C. Learned I.G.R.C. partly allowed his application by order dated 26.4.2014. However, applicant is not satisfied by the said order. Hence he filed present grievance application before this Forum for deletion of P.D. Arrears.

3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 20.5.2014. It is submitted that the said connection has been released since 10.6.1999 in the name of Smt. Nalima Natin Lal for commercial purpose. The complainant Shri Sayyad Ali is not a consumer as per section 2 (15) of Electricity Act 2003. However, on verification of CPL of the consumer, it is observed that the consumer is being issued energy bill as per actual meter reading. There were two meters; one in the name of Smt. Nalima Natin Lal having Consumer No. 410014254777 and another in the name of Smt. Shehnaz Tahir Khan having Consumer No. 410016515250. Out of these two meters, energy supply was permanently disconnected in respect of meter No. 410016515250 which was in the name of Smt. Shehnaz Tahir Khan. The P.D. arrears in respect of the said connection amounting to Rs. 10724/- were added in the bill of Consumer No. 410014254777 for the month of March 2014. The applicant approached I.G.R.C. Learned I.G.R.C. directed to charge arrears for the past six months only as per Section 10.5 of MERC Supply Code Regulations. The order of Learned I.G.R.C. has been followed and an amount of Rs. 5530/- has been deducted from the bill

for the month of April 2014. Hence grievance application may be dismissed.

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

5. Forum has observed that there were two meters in the same premises in the name of two different consumers. The arrears of one connection have been added in the bill of another consumer from the year 2012. However, as per section 10.5 of MERC Supply Code Regulations, the non applicant is entitled to recover the P.D. arrears for the past six months only. Hence Learned I.G.R.C. is absolutely right and justified in passing the order to the effect that non applicant should recover the arrears for the past six months only. Hence there is no need of interference in the said order. However, the applicant deserves to get suitable installments for payment of these accumulated arrears. Hence Forum proceeds to pass following order :-

ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is partly allowed.
- 2) Non applicant is directed to grant three equal installments to pay the accumulated arrears after following up the order of Learned I.G.R.C.
- 3) Non applicant to report the compliance within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/-
(Anil Shrivastava)
MEMBER
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(Adv. Subhash Jichkar)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(Vishnu S. Bute),
CHAIRMAN