

BEFORE THE CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM
AURANGABAD ZONE, M.S.E.D.C.L., AURANGABAD.

(Case No: CGRF/ AZ /AUR/R/ 425 / 2013 /09)

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01) Sau. Dipti Jagdish Khattar,
Talreja Nagar,
Tq. & Dist. Jalna. Complainant.
(Consumer No.510030415360 & 510030322141)

V/s

02) The Executive Engineer (Admn.) Respondent .
Nodal Office, O/O The Superintending Engineer,
O&M Circle, MSEDCL,
JALNA.

Coram:

Shri V.B. Mantri	President
Shri V.S. Kabra	Member
Shri S.K.Narwade,	Member/Secretary

JUDGEMENT

01) Complainant is the consumer of respondent having Consumer Nos. 510030415360 & 510030322141. The complainant has paid electricity bills regularly for both of electric connections since from the date of connection. The payment of electricity bills for both the connections is not pending. The two meters for each connection are installed in Godown and in Shop . There is a partition between Godown and shop.

- 02) The Dy. Executive Engineer, Jalna Urban Dn. has inspected both the meters and threaten orally that; two meters can not be given in the same name and same premises; hence one of the meter will be disconnected.
- 03) The complainant requested not to take any action since the bills are paid regularly for both the meters. However the respondent Dy. Ex. Engineer. Jalna Urban Sub Division issued assessment bills of Rs. 9744/- as a difference in two bills. The respondent threatens to pay the bill immediately otherwise one meter will be disconnected. The complainant filed application at IGRC Jalna for redressal of the grievance The IGRC has dismissed the application and ordered to pay the assessment bill amounting Rs.9744/-. The decision given by IGRC is denied by complainant and filed the grievance at this Forum to quash the assessment bill
- 04) The respondent in his reply submitted that; on 02.06.2012 surprise inspection of the premises of the consumer was carried out by the flying squad & it was found that, there are two connections bearing consumer Nos. 510030415360 & 510030322141 in same premises utilized for one & same purpose by same consumer.

- 05) That, aforesaid irregularity observed during surprise inspection were duly recorded in column No.17 of spot inspection report, which was prepared in presence of the consumer representative & it bears signature of the consumer representative, same is enclosed herewith for kind perusal.
- 06) That, two connections i.e. two meters in same premises for one & same purpose is against rules of MSEDCL, since units used & registered by two meters will not attracts correct slab of tariff & thereby results in loss of revenue.
- 07) That, besides the old connection for same purpose in same premises, service connection No. 510030415360 was taken there since from the year 2006, needless to mention here that, since then initial consumed units are billed at the rate of lower slab. Accordingly appropriate action was taken by concerned inspecting Officer, while recommending for clubbing of two meters, assessment for period of 24 months prior to the date of inspection as per slab difference in tariff was worked out & difference bill of Rs.9744/- was served to the consumer. Assessment sheet is enclosed herewith. Since consumer has utilized the energy, is liable & under obligation to make payment according to correct/proper slab as per approved tariff. Therefore, bill issued is correct, as per rules & as per approved Tariff Schedule. The respondent therefore submitted to dismiss the grievance.

The Forum heard the complainant and respondent and gone through the documents submitted by both the parties. The Forum comes to the conclusion that the decision given by IGRC is to be confirmed.

Reasons

1) The complainant is given two meters in one premises for the same purpose electricity is consumed i.e. for commercial use. The consumption recorded on two meters will be divided in two parts @ the tariff slab applied is on lower side; the consumption will be more, and will be billed in higher slab of tariff if it could have been recorded on one meter.

2) on clubbing consumption recorded on both of the meters ;the assessment bill worked out is as per appropriate tariff slab .

3) The assessment bill of rs.9744.00 is given 24 months prior from date. Of inspection; which is as per I.E. Act 2003 @ rules of respondent company.

However the respondent has to cost the default employee who has released second connection in the same premises and in the same name. Since the respondent company could not realize actual revenue and has lost the revenue since 2006 i.e. from release of second connection as per appropriate/correct tariff slab. The Forum therefore issues following order.

ORDER

- 01) The complaint is dismissed with no cost.
- 02) The Respondent to cost Rs. 3000/- to default employee of Company.

Sd/-
(V.S.Kabra)
Member

Sd/-
(S.K.Narwade)
Member/Secretary

Sd/-
(V.B.Mantri)
Chairperson

