CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM;

MSEDCL NAGPUR (RURAL) ZONE NAGPUR COMPLAINT NO. 105/2013

Shri Namdeo Laxman Bante At.Lonara, Po.Navezari Tq.Tiroda Dist.Gondia

Complainant

,,VS..

- Executive Engineer, MSEDCL,O&M Division, Gondia.
- Executive Engineer/Nodal Officer,
 G. R. C., Circle Office,
 MSEDCL,Gondia.

Respondents

Applicant represented by

- 1) Shri Namdeo L.Bante
- 2) Shri K.S.Parihar, Authorized representative

Respondents represented by

- 1) Shri Y.D.Meshram, Executive Engineer, Gondia.
- 2) Shri A.B.Tupkar, Assistant Engineer, Tiroda

CORAM:

Shri Vishnu S. Bute, Chairman. Adv. Gauri D. Chandrayan, Member Ms. S. B. Chiwande, Member-Secretary.

<u>JUDGEMENT</u>

(Delivered on this 23rd day of January, 2014)

2. Shri Namdeo Laxman Bante, r/o. Lonara, Po.Navezari, Tq.Tiroda, Dist.Gondia (hereinafter referred to as, the applicant) had applied to the distribution licensee MSEDCL (hereinafter referred to as, the respondent) for new connection to his agricultural pump set. According to the applicant he deposited the required amount for new connection on 30-01-1991. However the respondent had not released the connection till today. He claimed compensation. He approached IGRC Gondia.

However IGRC Gondia has not passed the order. So the applicant approached this forum under the provisions of regulation 6.4 of the MERC (CGRF and EO) Regulations 2006 on 26-11-2013.

- 3. A copy of the application was given to the respondent. The respondent was directed to submit parawise reply. The respondent submitted reply under no.EEG/Tech/7689 dated 01-01-2014. The case was fixed for personal hearing on 06-01-2014. The respondent requested for adjournment. So the case was adjourned to 13-01-2014. On the date of hearing the applicant himself was present. Shri K.S. Parihar, an authorized representative argued the case on his behalf. Shri Y.D. Meshram, Executive Engineer, Gondia & Shri A.B.Tupkar, Assistant Engineer, Tiroda represented the respondent. Both the parties were heard.
- 4. It was contended on behalf of the applicant that he deposited Rs.1660/- for new connection on 30-01-1991. However the respondent has not released the connection till today. Again in March 2004 the respondent asked the applicant to deposit Rs.2500/- The respondent told that they would release the connection immediately. The applicant deposited the amount. However till today the connection is not released.

In view of this position the applicant may be awarded the compensation of Rs.8,13,120/- towards the damages to his crops and other expenditure.

5. It was stated on behalf of the respondent that the applicant deposited the amount. The connection was released on 01-04-1998. That time the electricity supply to the agricultural pump set used to be without meter. The applicant had not paid the

electricity bills. The Government declared Krishi Sanjiwani Yojna. To avail the benefits of this scheme the applicant was to deposit Rs.1212/- as current bill + Rs.5066/-towards 35% of the arrears and there after Rs.2171/- till 31-03-2004. The applicant was required to deposit in all Rs.8449/- to avail the benefit of the scheme. The applicant deposited Rs.2500/- on 04-03-2004. Since the applicant failed to deposit the required amount the benefits of the Krishi Sanjiwani Yojna were not given to him.

The application had not paid the electricity bill thereafter also. So his connection was permanently disconnected in March 2006.

The application has no force. It may be dismissed.

6. We have perused the record. We have heard the arguments advanced by both the parties carefully.

Before going into the merits of the case, it is necessary to decide the tenability in the instant proceeding.

Proviso to Regulation 12.2 of the MERC (SOP) Regulations 2005, reads as under,

Provided also that no claim for compensation shall be entertained if the same is filed later than a period of sixty days from the date of rectification of deficiency in performance standard.

Regulation 6.6 of the MERC (CGRF & EO) Regulations 2006 reads as under,

The forum shall not admit any grievance unless it is filed within two (2) years from the date to which the cause of action has arisen.

In the instant case the applicant deposited the amount in 1991. Naturally he was entitle for connection in 1991 only. The respondent contended that as per their record the connection was released in 1991 itself. However he preferred the claim for compensation on 11-12-2013. So the claim is hopelessly time barred by limitation.

Secondly, the application can not be admitted in view of the provisions contained in Regulation 6.6.

So we pass the following order,

ORDER

- i) Application No.105 of 2013 is hereby dismissed.
- ii) No order as to cost.

Sd/(Adv.Gauri D.Chandrayan) (Ms.S.B.Chiwande) (Vishnu S. Bute)

MEMBER MEMBER SECRETARY CHAIRMAN

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(Nagpur Dtd. 23rd day of January, 2014)

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Certified copy of order dated 23rd January, 2014 in Case No.105 / 2013 is enclosed herewith.

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To,

Shri Namdeo Laxman Bante, At.Lonara, Po.Navezari, Tq.Tiroda, Dist.Gondia Copy s.w.r.to :-

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- 1. The Executive Engineer/Nodal Officer., O&M Circle Office, MSEDCL.Gondia
- 2. The Executive Engineer, C.C.O&M Dn., MSEDCL, Gondia for information and necessary action.

Address of the Electricity Ombudsman is given as below.

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