

vide order passed under no.SE/Wardha/Tech/IGRC/6862 dated 03-12-2013. Feeling aggrieved by the aforesaid order, the applicant presented the instant application under the provisions contained in Regulation 6.4 of the MERC (CGRF and E.O.) Regulations 2006 on 20-01-2014.

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.EE/O&M /H'ghat/Tech/685 dated 03-02-2014. The case was fixed for personal hearing on 03-03-2014. Dr.N.N.Behare, authorized representative was present for the applicant. Shri M.S.Vaidya, Executive Engineer, Hinganghat & Shri G.H.Bhagwat, Assistant Engineer, Samudrapur, represented the respondent. Both the parties were heard.

4. It was contended on behalf of the applicant that he submitted an application for connection to his agricultural pump on 24-01-2011. He received demand note on 07-06-2011. He deposited the amount as per demand on 07-07-2011. He submitted the test report on 19-07-2011. In spite of the fact that the application was complete in all respect the respondent has not released the connection till today. So he is entitle for compensation as provided under the SOP Regulations.

The applicant's prayer was as under,

i) The applicant may be awarded compensation as provided under SOP Regulations.

ii) The respondent may be directed to release the connection immediately.

5. Shri Bhagwat, Assistant Engineer, referred to the parawise reply dated 03-02-2014. It was further stated that the applicant submitted the application on 24-01-2011.

A demand note was issued on 07-06-2011. The applicant deposited the amount on 07-07-2011. He submitted the test report on 19-07-2011. To provide the connection to the applicant erection of L.T. line admeasuring 0.18 k.m. was necessary. His name was entered in the paid pending list of year 2011-12 at sr.no.140. The applicant has not submitted any survey report of any competent authority. His prayer is not acceptable. The connections to the agricultural pumps are released as per the orders from the higher authorities and availability of funds under SPA scheme. The applicant has been given connection on 07-01-2014. So the application may be dismissed.

6. The technical member of the forum submitted a note as under,

I have gone through the documents on record & submissions made by both the parties, it is not disputed that the complainant's application was complete in all respect on 19.07.2011, the day on which the test report had been submitted by him to the respondent's office. However the supply of electricity to the agricultural pumps is carried out under various schemes such as SPA –PE ,DPDC, Non DDF CCRF etc. The complainant's Ag pump application was sanctioned under SPA scheme As there is huge pendency of agricultural pump applications in Hinganghat Division under SPA scheme, hence the work of laying HT/LT lines & T/F for supplying connections has been entrusted to the agency & being carried out as per the seniority of the applications/ applicants who deposited the demand amount & completed the formalities in all respect.

MSEDCL's circular 22197 of 20.05.2008 regarding NON DDF CCRF Scheme , gives option to applicants to carry out the works, get supply early and get refund of the

costs incurred, through future electricity bills. The complainant had not opted under the said scheme for early connection.

In view of circumstances mentioned above in my opinion there observed no intentional delay for providing electric connection to the complainant's agricultural pump on the part of respondent. The respondent has provided the connection to the complainant's Ag pump on 07.01.2014 as per the seniority list. As the connection is already given to the complainant's agricultural pump, no compensation needs to be awarded to the complainant.

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

It is admitted position that the applicant submitted the application in the prescribed form. He deposited the amount as per rule. He submitted the test report. His name was also entered in the paid pending list prepared by the respondent. So it is clear that the application submitted by the applicant was complete in all respect.

Regulation 4.5 prescribe the time limit for release of connection, it reads as under,

4.5 Where the supply of electricity to a premises requires extension or augmentation of distribution mains, the distribution licensee shall give supply to such premises within three (3) months from the date of receipt of complete application in accordance with the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity supply code and other conditions of supply,) Regulations, 2005.

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