

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/87/2016

Applicant : Shri Shankar F.Wankhede
At.Kasarkheda, Po.Wagholi
Tq.Hinganghat,
Dist.Wardha.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Executive Engineer,
O&M Division,MSEDCL,
Hinganghat.

Applicant's Representative :- Shri Betal,

Respondent by:- 1) Shri Nitnaware,E.E., Hinganghat Dn.
2) Shri Awachat, Dy.E.E., Hinganghat (R) S/Dn.

Quorum Present :

- 1) Shri Shivajirao S.Patil
CHAIRMAN
 - 2) Mrs.V.N.Parihar
Member/Secretary
 - 3) Shri N.V.Bansod,
Member
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ORDER PASSED ON 08.08.2016.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 23.06.2016 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as said Regulations).
2. Non applicant, denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 16.07.2016.
3. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused record.

4. Applicant filed application for agricultural connection on 13-12-2012 but demand is given to the applicant on 14-01-2015. According to MSEDCL first demand was sent by post on 31-03-2013. However no postal evidence is produced by MSEDCL to show that demand was send by post on 31-01-2013. In absence of postal evidence, we find no force in the contention of MSEDCL that demand is send by post on 31-01-2013. According to MSEDCL applicant filed the application on dated 01-10-2014 to issue demand. There is signatory of applicant on dated 01-10-2014. Whereas on grievance application there is thumb impression of applicant. Applicant did not put thumb mark on application to fresh demand on 01-10-2014. Therefore alleged application for issuing of fresh demand dated 01-10-2014 appears to be bogus.

5. Demand is issued on 14-01-2015. Therefore applicant is entitle for compensation for delay in issuing demand for the period 18-12-2012 to 13-01-2015.

6. Record shows that test report is not given by the applicant. There is no postal evidence produce by the applicant to show that test report is given. Therefore it is clear that up till now applicant did not submitted test report to MSEDCL. It is true that there is copy of test report dated 20-01-2015 produced by the applicant but according to MSEDCL this test report is not submitted in their office. In absence of postal evidence we hold hope the test report is not submitted by the applicant. The test report is not submitted by the applicant. It is necessary to complete all formalities but formalities are not completed. Therefore applicant is not entitled for compensation for delay in issue connection.

7. Applicant shall produce legal test report to MSEDCL and on receiving of test report MSEDCL shall issue agricultural connection to the applicant.

8. Hence the following order.

ORDER

1. Grievance application is partly allowed.
2. MSEDCL is directed to pay compensation for delay in issuing demand for the period 18-12-2012 to 13-01-2015 according to MERC's SOP Regulation.
3. Claim for compensation for delay in issuing connection is rejected.
4. Applicant shall submit fresh test report to MSEDCL and on receiving of test report MSEDCL shall issue agricultural connection to the applicant.
5. Non-applicant to submit comply within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/-
(N.V.Bansod)
MEMBER

sd/-
(Mrs.V.N.Parihar)
MEMBER/SECRETARY

sd/-
(Shivajirao S. Patil),
CHAIRMAN