

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

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**Case No. CGRF(NZ)/96/2016**

Applicant : Shri Raju S.Khobragade  
At.Tadgaon,Po.Mangrul  
Tq.Samudrapur,  
Dist.Wardha.

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

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Applicant's Representative :- Shri Betal,

Respondent by:- 1) Shri Nitnaware,E.E., Hinganghat Dn.  
2) Shri V.M.Hedau, Dy.E.E., Samudrapur, S/Dn.

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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 10.08.2016.**

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 05.07.2016 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 29.07.2016.
3. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused record.

4. Applicant filed application for agricultural connection on 25-02-2013 but demand is issued on 10-05-2013. Therefore there is delay in issuing demand for the period 13-03-2013 to 09-05-2013. **According to Regulation 6.6 of the said Regulation “The Forum shall not admit any grievance unless it is filed within two (2) years from the date on which cause of action has arisen”.** For issuing the demand cause of action has arisen on 09-05-2013 but present grievance application is filed on 05-07-2016 i.e. not within 2 years and therefore compensation for delay in issuing demand is barred by limitation. Therefore it can not be granted.

5. Applicant paid amount of demand on 19-06-2013 and test report is given on 27-08-2013 but uptill now connection is not released. Infrastructure is not ready. Therefore period for releasing the connection is 90 days. Therefore applicant is entitled for compensation for delay in releasing connection since 26-11-2013 till releasing the connection.

6. Applicant is also entitled for releasing the connection according to MERC's SOP Regulations. As MSEDCL there is seniority list but said seniority list is not approved by Hon'ble MERC and it contrary to SOP Regulation. Therefore it is not legal and proper.

7. Hence the following order.

#### ORDER

1. Grievance application is partly allowed.
2. Claim of compensation for issuing late demand for the period 13-03-2013 to 09-05-2013 is barred by limitation therefore rejected.
3. MSEDCL is directed to release agricultural connection to the applicant within 30 days from the date of this order.

4. MSEDCL shall pay compensation for releasing late agricultural connection to the applicant since 26-11-2013 till releasing the connection according to MERC's SOP Regulation.
5. Non-applicant is directed to 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