

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

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/39/2014

Applicant : Shri Khemraj Gangaram Dekate,
Post Mandal, Taluqa Kuhi,
Distt. Nagpur.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Executive Engineer,
Division No. I,
MSEDCL, Nagpur Rural Circle,
NAGPUR.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Vishnu S. Bute,
Chairman.

2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar
Member.

3) Shri B.A. Wasnik,
Member Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 7.3.2014.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 3.2.2014 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

2. The applicant's case in brief is that applicant is an agricultural consumer of non applicant, bearing Consumer No. 414870269209. Non applicant M.S.E.D.C.L. has floated one "Krishi Sanjiwani Yojana" 2011. As per the provisions of this scheme the

applicant deposited Rs. 6080/- (In addition to the amount previously deposited). Applicant further submitted that the said amount includes principle amount of arrears, + interest @ 12 % p.a. on principle amount + current bill of December 2011. As the amount has been deposited in lump sum, bifurcation of the amount can not be shown. However the applicant has not been given benefit of the said scheme. Hence applicant filed present grievance application for before this Forum for grant of benefit of “Krishi Sanjiwani Yojana 2011”.

3. Non applicant denied applicant’s case by filing reply Dt. 15.2.2014. It is submitted that as per terms & conditions of the said scheme, it was necessary for the consumer to deposit amount of principal arrears Rs. 10,207.64 on or before 30.6.2011 or otherwise amount of principal arrears Rs. 10,207.64 + interest @ 12% p.a. amount to Rs. 1225/- totaling to Rs. 11433/- should have been deposited on or before 31.12.2011 by the applicant to become entitle for getting benefit of the said scheme. However, the applicant has deposited only Rs. 6080/- on 29.12.2011. Hence applicant is not eligible for getting benefit of “Krishi Sanjiwani Yojana”. As such Grievance application may be dismissed.

4. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused the record.

5. On perusal of record, it is observed by the Forum that the “Krishi Sanjiwani Yojana 2011” was initially valid up to 30.6.2011. For taking benefit of any scheme, consumer has to fulfill the terms & conditions of that particular scheme.

The important feature of this scheme was that, the consumer opting to avail benefit of the said scheme was required to pay the principal amount of arrears of energy charges balance as on 31.12.2010 + amount of current bill of March 2011 on or before 30.6.2011. However, the record shows that the applicant has paid only Rs. 3000/- in the month of March 2011. As such he is not eligible for getting the benefit of the said scheme at least as on the initial date of validity of the scheme i.e. 30.6.2011.

7. It is also noticed by the Forum that the said scheme was subsequently extended up to 31.12.2011. Under this scheme it was necessary for the consumer to pay the principal amount of arrears of energy charges i.e. Rs. 10207.64 + interest @ 12% p.a. Rs. 1225/- = Rs. 11433/- on or before 31.12.2011. However, it is clear from the record that the applicant has deposited only Rs. 6080/- on Dt. 29.12.2011. Therefore the non applicant is justified in denying applicant the benefit of the said scheme.

6. For these reasons, Forum proceeds to pass following order: -

ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is dismissed.

Sd/-
(B.A. Wasnik)
MEMBER
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(Adv. Subhash Jichkar)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(Vishnu S. Bute),
CHAIRMAN