

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

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**Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/017/2010**

Applicant : Shri Moh. Shamim Abdul Rahman  
At Behind Kadar Masjid  
Mominpura,  
NAGPUR.

Non-applicant : MSEDCL represented by  
the Nodal Officer-  
Executive Engineer,  
Gandhibag Division, NUZ,  
Nagpur.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Meera Khadakkar  
Chairman,  
Consumer Grievance Redressal  
Forum,  
Nagpur Urban Zone,  
Nagpur.

2) Smt. Gouri Chandrayan,  
Member,  
Consumer Grievance Redressal  
Forum,  
Nagpur Urban Zone,  
Nagpur.

3) Shri D.G. Gawnar  
Executive Engineer &  
Member Secretary,  
Consumer Grievance Redressal  
Forum, Nagpur Urban Zone,  
Nagpur.

**ORDER (Passed on 11.03.2010)**

The present grievance application has been filed on  
06.02.2010 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity

Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 here-in-after referred-to-as the said Regulations.

The complainant has approached this Forum for not getting electric supply within time. The consumer had approached the IGRC on 16.01.2010. The consumer was denied electric supply on the ground that the electric connection was disconnected on account of non-payment of electricity charges.

The non-applicant has submitted his reply on 03.03.2010. It is submitted by the non-applicant that the consumer has applied for new electric connection. However, the earlier owner was in arrears of electricity charges. Therefore the connection was disconnected. The new connection cannot be granted until only the arrears amount paid by the complainant.

Heard both the parties, we have carefully gone through the records. It is complainant's contention that he is not liable to pay the arrears of Rs.10,194=15. A carefully perusal of the documents on record clearly show that the complainant is occupying the premises as the successor of the previous owner. It is not his case, he has purchased the house property. He has filed  $\forall k f [k o \ i f = d k$  of the property on record. It appears that the complainant has acquired the ownership by way of succession. He is the successor of the previous owner. In view of this position the complainant is legally bound to pay all the arrears of the earlier occupier.

The provision of Regulation 10.5 of the MERC (Electricity Supply Code and Other Conditions of Supply) Regulations 2005 is applicable in present case. It is clear from the  $\forall k f [k o \ i f = d k$  filed on

record by the complainant himself, that the property is acquired by way of succession. The complainant being successor in law is liable to pay entire position of the earlier occupier.

As per Regulation 10.5 of the MERC (Electricity Supply Code and Other Conditions of Supply) Regulations 2005 are applicable in the present case. The complainant being legal representative / successor, is not exempted from the liabilities to pay the earlier arrears. He cannot ask for such exemption. The complainant can get electric supply only on payment of the earlier arrears.

After considering the arguments of both the parties as well as the documents on record, the grievance application is hear by rejected.

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
<b>(D.G. Gawnar)</b>	<b>(Smt. Gauri Chandrayan)</b>	<b>(Smt. Khadakkar)</b>
Member-Secretary	MEMBER	CHAIRMAN

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MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION CO LTD's  
NAGPUR URBAN ZONE, NAGPUR.**

**Chairman**  
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