Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum Nagpur Urban Zone, Nagpur Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/098/2015

- Applicant : Secretary, Benigiri Niwas, Behind Chitra Talkies, Chitnis Park, Benigiri Niwas Apptts., Nagpur : 400 018.
- Non–applicant : Nodal Officer, The Superintending Engineer, (Distribution Franchisee), MSEDCL,, NAGPUR.

Applicant :- Shri Sudhir Mahakalkar.

Respondent by 1) Shri Rody, Nodal Office. 2) Shri Dahasahastra, SNDL Nagpur.

> <u>Quorum Present</u> : 1) Shri Shivajirao S. Patil, Chairman.

- 2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar Member.
- 3) Shri Anil Shrivastava, Member / Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 22.7.2015.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 29.5.2015 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. Applicant's case in brief is that his bills are excessive. Therefore meter be tested and bill may be revised. Being aggrieved by the order passed by I.G.R.C., the applicant approached to this Forum.

3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply Dated 10.6.2015. It is submitted that meter is tested in the laboratory on 17.3.2015 and found O.K. Therefore bills can not be revised. Grievance application deserves to be dismissed.

4. Heard both parties and perused the record.

5. During the course of hearing it was ordered by the Forum to test the meter in the laboratory of M.S.E.D.C.L. and to file meter testing report. Executive Engineer, Urban Testing Division, MSEDCL, Nagpur filed testing report Dt. 14.7.2015 on record and as per this report meter is O.K. Therefore bill can not be revised.

6. Order passed by Learned I.G.R.C. is legal and proper and needs no interference.

7. In grievance application before C.G.R.F. applicant exceeded his prayer than the prayer claimed before I.G.R.C. We have perused grievance application of the applicant before Learned I.G.R.C., in which applicant claimed only revision of the bills since 4.2.2007 and to test the meter. In grievance application before this Page 2 of 3 Case No.098/15 Forum, applicant added claim of compensation Rs. 500/- per day. However, no such compensation is claimed before I.G.R.C. and hence this additional prayer before C.G.R.F. regarding grant of compensation which was never claimed before I.G.R.C. can not be entertained.

8. Furthermore, according to regulation 6.6 of the said regulations **"Forum shall not admit any grievance unless it is filed within two years from the date on which cause of action has arisen"**. Therefore revision of the bills since 4.2.2007 is hopelessly barred by the limitations and on this count also grievance application deserves to be dismissed.

9. As we have already pointed out, meter is O.K. as per testing report of laboratory of M.S.E.D.C.L. Therefore bill can not be revised. Grievance application deserves to be dismissed. Hence following order :-

ORDER

1) Grievance application is dismissed.

Sd/-(Anil Shrivastava) MEMBER SECRETARY Sd/-(Adv. Subhash Jichkar) MEMBER Sd/-(Shivajirao S. Patil), CHAIRMAN