

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

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**Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/02/2012**

Applicant : Shri M. Javed Hayat,  
63, Geeta Colony,  
Near Sharma Medical Stores, Behind  
Police Line,  
NAGPUR.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,  
The Superintending Engineer,  
(Distribution Franchisee),  
Nagpur Urban Zone,  
Nagpur.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri. Shivajirao S. Patil  
Chairman,

2) Adv. Smt. Gouri Chandrayan,  
Member,

3) Smt. Kavita K. Gharat  
Member Secretary.

**ORDER PASSED on 01.03.2012.**

The applicant filed this grievance application on 03.01.2012 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

- 1) The applicant's case in brief is that MSEDCL has issued bill for September 2011 regarding electric

consumption of 37 units. Arrears of 37 months were demanded in one bill and therefore it is illegal as per Section 56 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003. Therefore applicant prayed for revision of the bill.

- 2) The non-applicant denied the case of the applicant by filing reply dated 04.02.2012 bill for September 2008 to August 2011 Rs.45,587=12 was issued to the applicant. Due to technical problem in computerization system, this bill was issued in September 2011. Applicant deserves to be dismissed.
- 3) Forum heard argument from both the side and perused the record. According to Section 56 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 MSEDCL can claim arrear of two years period i.e. 24 months. Therefore bill of 37 months is time barred bill and its hit by mandatory provision and section 56 (2) of Electricity Act, 2003. Therefore it is necessary to revise the bill. Hence Forum proceed to pass the following order.

#### ORDER

- a) The application is partly allowed.
- b) MSEDCL is directed to claim bill of September 2011 regarding the period of two years arrears and shall not claim time-barred bill. According to the provision of

Section 56 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003.  
MSEDCL to revised the bill accordingly.

- c) The non-applicant shall report compliance of this order within one month from the date of this order.

**(Smt.K.K.Gharat) (Adv.Smt.GauriChandrayan) (ShriShivajirao S.Patil)**  
MEMBER MEMBER CHAIRMAN  
SECRETARY