Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum Nagpur Zone, Nagpur	
<u>Case No. CGRF(NZ)/06/2016</u>	
Applicant	 Shri Sk.Aakil Sk.Salam At.Po.Wagholi Tq.Hinganghat, Dist.Wardha.
Non–applicant	 Nodal Officer, The Executive Engineer, O&M Division,MSEDCL, Hinganghat.

Applicant'Representative :- Shri B.V.Betal,

Respondent by:- 1) Shri A.M.Nitnaware, E.E., Hinganghat Dn. 2) Shri R.R.Awachat, Dy.EE, H'ghat, S/Dn.

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

> 2) Mrs. Vandana Parihar, Member/Secretary

ORDER PASSED ON 17.02.2016.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 11.01.2016 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 11.02.2016.

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

4. Applicant filed application for agricultural connection on 09-07-2012. Demand was given to the applicant on 29-01-2013. Applicant paid amount of demand on 01-02-2013 and submitted test report on 25-02-2013. Connection is given to the applicant on 27-01-2016.

5. So far as compensation about delay in issuing of demand is concerned applicant is time barred by limitation. Demand was given on 29-01-2013. Applicant should have filed application within 2 years from the date of application i.e. 29-01-2013 but present application is filed on 11-01-2016 therefore it is time barred by limitation. According to Regulation 6.6 of the (MERC & E.O.) Regulations 2005.

"The Forum shall not admit any grievance unless it is filed within 2 years from the date of cause of action arisen."

To claim compensation for not issuing the demand is arose on 29-01-2013. Therefore to claim compensation for issuing of demand, applicant should have approach to this Forum on or before 29-01-2015 i.e. within 2 years but present application is filed now on 11-01-2016. Therefore claim of compensation about delay in issuing demand is time barred by limitation according to Regulation 6.6 of the said Regulation.

6. So for as compensation for delay in issuing agricultural connection is concerned, that part is within limitation. Applicant paid amount of demand on 01-02-2013 and submitted test report on 25-02-2013. It was necessary to issue agricultural connection within 90 days because infrastructure was not ready. Therefore it was necessary to issue connection on or before 26-05-2013 i.e. within 90 days but connection is given on 27-01-2016.

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Therefore there is delay and applicant is entitle for compensation as per SOP Regulations.

7. Hence the following order.

ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is partly allowed.
- 2) Non applicant is directed to pay compensation to the applicant as per the provisions and MERC's SOP Regulations for delay period i.e.26-05-2013 to 27-01-2016 for not releasing Agricultural connection within stipulated time.
- 3) Other claims of the applicant are rejected.
- 4) Non-applicant is directed to comply within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/-

(Mrs.V.N.Parihar) MEMBER/SECRETARY sd/-

(Shivajirao S. Patil), CHAIRMAN

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