

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

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**Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/008/2015**

Applicant : Shri Arun S. Meshram,  
Chandramani Nagar,  
Road No. ½,  
Nagpur : 12.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,  
The Superintending Engineer,  
(Distribution Franchisee),  
MSEDCL,  
NAGPUR.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Shivajirao S. Patil,  
Chairman.  
  
2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar  
Member.  
  
3) Shri Anil Shrivastava,  
Member / Secretary.

**ORDER PASSED ON 25.2.2015.**

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 06.01.2015 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

2. Applicant's case in brief is that P.D. arrears of Rs. 13118/- in respect of P.D. Consumer Shri S.W. Meshram (father of the applicant) with

Consumer No. 410010353223 have been wrongly charged in his bill of November 2014. Applicant requested for withdrawal of these P.D. arrears. Being aggrieved by the order passed by I.G.R.C. Dt. 31.12.2014 he approached to this Forum.

3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply Dt. 17.1.2015. It is submitted that Shri Shivcharan Meshram is father of the applicant having Consumer No. 410010353223 since 6.10.1982. Said connection was permanently disconnected in August 2013 for arrears of Rs. 13118/-. According to the provisions of Regulation 10.5 of MERC's Supply Code Regulation 2005, this amount is added in the bill of the applicant for November 2014. Shri Shivcharan Meshram has two sons namely 1) Applicant Shri Arun and 2) Shri Sharad. Before both the brothers obtained separate meters, it was common connection in the name of their father Shri Shivcharan Meshram and therefore these arrears are added in the bill of the applicant. Learned I.G.R.C. ordered that out of the entire bill of P.D. arrears in fact 50% bill is recoverable from the applicant and 50% from his brother. Therefore as per order of Learned I.G.R.C., applicant has to pay only Rs. 4988/-.

4. Forum heard argument of non applicant and perused record.

5. Before taking separate meter on 30.7.2014 in applicant's name, supply from P.D. meter was utilised by both the brothers. Erstwhile P.D. consumer is father of the applicant and applicant and his brother Shri Sharad are legal heirs of the father. As laid down under regulation 10.5 of MERC supply code regulations 2005, both the brothers are equally liable to pay outstanding dues of their father but the amount in question is raised in

the bill of applicant alone. In view of above, the outstanding dues need to be recovered from the applicant and his brother on 50 – 50 basis.

6. Learned I.G.R.C. rightly observed the same aspect in its order and held that amount of Rs. 4988/- only needs to be recovered from the applicant. In our opinion, order passed by Learned I.G.R.C. is perfectly legal and valid and needs no interference.

7. Therefore there is no substance in grievance application and 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