

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/131/2018

Applicant : Shri Ashokkumar Samandas Wagwani
Chhapru Nagar, Plot No.17/18,
5th floor, Garoba Maidan,
Lakadganj, Nagpur.

V/s

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Executive Engineer,
Congress Nagar, M.S.E.D.C.L.,
Nagpur.

Applicant represented by : In Person,
Non-applicant represented by: 1) Shri M.S. Ghanote,
Dy.Manager (F&A), MSEDCL,

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Arvind Jayram Rohee,
Chairperson.
2) Mrs. V.N.Parihar,
Member Secretary
3) Mrs. Asmita Avinash Prabhune,
Member(CPO)

ORDER PASSED ON 30.03.2019

1) The applicant approached this Forum under clause 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations 2006, since he is aggrieved by the order dated 27.11.2018 passed by Internal Grievance Redressal Cell (IGRC),

MSEDCL, Nagpur Urban Circle, Nagpur thereby rejecting his request not to charge interest on the amount of PD arrears of Ra.4870/-, for allotment of new connection to him.

2) The applicant is a transferee of the premises consisting of a shop bearing no.6 located at Tapovan Shopping Complex, Somalwada, Wardha Road, Nagpur, since purchased from one Shri Hemantbhai Patel, with consumer no.410012417482. For failing to pay the electricity bill, electric supply of said premises was disconnected on 20.03.1996. The applicant then applied for grant of new connection on the same premises. He deposited the amount of PD arrears of Rs.4870/- on 23.08.2018. However, electric connection is not granted for want of payment of interest on PD arrears from the date of disconnection till payment thereof.

3) The Non-applicant vide reply dated 15.01.2019 denied the claim, although was willing to comply with the order passed by the IGRC, on the basis of circular issued by Head Office of MSEDCL bearing no.TR-3/Tariff/21378 dated 07.05.2007. Hence declined to issue No Objection Certificate to the applicant for grant of new electric connection on the same premises till payment of interest on arrears of PD charges.

4) We have heard the applicant and Shri M.S. Ghanote, Dy. Manager (F&A) on behalf of the Non- applicant.

5) On directions issued, the Non-applicant calculated the amount of interest to the extent of Rs.19897.87 paise from 30.03.1996 to 31.08.2018 as per the circular and the applicant was informed accordingly.

6) On 27.03.2019 the matter was again taken up for final hearing. Both the parties however, remained absent. The matter was, therefore, closed for orders.

7) It is obvious from record that the applicant is transferee of shop purchased from Shri Hemantbhai Patel, who was the consumer of the Non-applicant. For failing to pay the electric bills, his supply was disconnected and PD arrears were fixed at Rs.4870/- after adjusting the amount of Security Deposit. As such for grant of new electric connection on the same premises to the applicant he is liable to pay the arrears of PD charges and interest thereon as calculated by the Non applicant. It appears that the applicant is prepared to pay the arrears of interest, since he did not turn up before this forum on 16.02.2019 and 27.03.2019.

8) In view of above we do not find any merit in present grievance application nor any defect in the order passed by the IGRC. Grievance Application is, therefore rejected.

9) The applicant is directed to pay the arrears of interest of Rs.19897.87 paise with the Non-applicant at the earliest and thereupon Non- applicant shall take prompt steps for installation of new electric meter in the name of the applicant.

10) Parties to bear their respective costs of this proceeding.

Sd/-

(Mrs. Asmita A. Prabhune)
MEMBER(CPO)

Sd/-

(Mrs. V.N.Parihar)
MEMBER SECRETARY

Sd/-

(Arvind J. Rohee)
CHAIRPERSON