

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/142/2018

Applicant : Shri Nitin Bhagwanji Sawarkar,
H. No.805, Juna Bhandara Road,
Near Power House,
Nagpur-440018.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Superintending Engineer,
(D/F), NUC, M.S.E.D.C.L.,
Nagpur.

Applicant represented by : In Person,

Non-applicant represented by: 1) Shri Sonkusle, E.E.

MSEDCL,

2) Shri Dahasahastra, SNDL, Nagpur

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 09.02.2019

1) The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 26.12.2018 under clause 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations 2006, since his request for grant of new electric connection is rejected.

2) The applicant's request is rejected on two grounds that there is a common entrance to the premises and one electric connection for residential purpose already exists there. The rejection is justified by referring to clause 2.2.5 of MSEDCL'S Conditions of Supply Code based on MERC'S Regulations of 2005, which provides that more than one electric connection for same purpose cannot be given on the same premises.

3) IGRC rejected the grievance application vide order dt.15.12.2018, against which the applicant approached this forum.

4) On 08.02.2019 the forum heard arguments of the applicant who appeared in person and the reply arguments of Shri Sonkusle, E.E. MSEDCL, Nagpur, assisted by Shri Dahaashstra of SNDL. We have carefully perused of case record.

5) It appears from record that the applicant is residing with his family members in the premises where one electric meter already exists and they are availing its benefit. There is nothing on record to show that the premises bearing House No. 805, Juna Bhandara Road, near New Power House, Nagpur is divided/partitioned between the members of joint family. Thus they are residing together. It is obvious that request of new connection is made for the purpose of convenience. However, unless the premises are divided in separate units by partition or by any other mode of transfer of ownership, the request for grant of another connection cannot be considered.

6) For the above reasons we do not find any defect or error with the order of Commercial Manager or that of the IGRC, which confirmed it. It is, however, open for the applicant to take appropriate steps in accordance with law for effecting partition of premises by meters and bounds and then submit the documentary evidence thereof to the Commercial Manager for consideration of his request. The Non applicant is, however, not justified in rejecting the request, on the ground that there is only one common entrance for egress and ingress to the premises, which should be left to the discretion of the occupants.

7) It is made clear that in case applicant produces valid documentary evidence regarding division/partition of the premises, the Commercial Manager shall consider the said request and shall expeditiously take all the necessary steps in accordance with law.

8) With the aforesaid observations/directions, the grievance application stands dismissed, however with no order as to costs.

Sd/-
(Mrs. Asmita A. Prabhune)
MEMBER(CPO)

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

Sd/-
(Arvind J. Rohee)
CHAIRPERSON

NAGPUR.