

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/143/2018

Applicant : Shri Sachin Kishor Ukey,
S-1, Madhavshyam Apartment,
Kushi Nagar,
Nagpur.

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 V.R. Sonkusle, Exe.Engr.,
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 31.12.2018 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman Regulation 2006 (hereinafter referred as said regulations)).

2) Applicant's case in brief is that he applied for grant of new electric connection for commercial purpose vide application No. 1672556100. But his application was rejected for old PD dues of

Rs.27820/- with Consumer No. 410014387149 and Rs,1500/- against old PD consumer No. 4100144131. The applicant did not agree with the PD dues & requested for release of new electric connection. Applicant approached IGRC, However his application is dismissed vide order dt. 26.11.2018. In this grievance application compensation for physical & mental harassment to the extent of Rs.5000/- is claimed by applicant as per MERC SOP Regulations..

3) The non applicant filed reply on 05.02.2019. It is submitted that the applicant Shri Sachin Kishore Ukey applied for new electric connection for commercial purpose vide application No. 1672586100, but his application was rejected due to old PD dues of Rs.27820/- against consumer No. 410014387149 & Rs.1500/- against consumer No. 41001441319. PD dues of Rs.27820/- & Rs.1500/- are on same plot on which the applicant want new connection.

4) Forum heard arguments of both the sides & carefully perused the case record.

5) During the course of arguments applicant argued that he purchased one shop in commercial complex by name "Madhav Shyam Apartment" It has been constructed on the plot & the dues are against the old owner. (Builder and Land Owner). Applicant purchased a site for shop on 20.12.2002, bearing no. S-1. He obtained electric connection in this shop in the name of his father Shri Kishore Ramji Ukey on 25.11.2002. However due to loss his

business was closed. His electric connection was PD for non payment of arrears of Rs.310/-. He paid aforesaid arrears on 21.06.2007 vide Receipt NO. 0664844. Now there are no outstanding dues against this connection. The applicant again wants to start new business of readymade cloth in same shop. So he wants new electric connection. Since he has already given electric connection on 25.11.2002 & paid his PD due in 2007, hence supply should be restored & PD meter should be made live since he is not liable to pay PD arrears of owner & builder and since the meter is yet to be removed/replaced.

6) We find substantial force in the contentions of the applicant, since his liability is restricted for payment of electricity bills in respect of his shop premises only & not for PD dues on builder & land owner.

7) The grievance application is, therefore, allowed new electric connection in the name of applicant to his shop S-1 be granted, as per rules, since he has already paid PD arrears of previous consumer his father.

8) Compliance of order be reported Claim for compensation, however, can't be considered, since there is no unreasonable delay on the part of NA in processing his request, although reasons recorded for rejection are not convincing & sound.

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