

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/02/2019

Applicant : Shri Ajay Ganpatrao Satpute,
H. No.27/954, Somwari Qtr. 239/2,
Nagpur-440009.

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 03.01.2019 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 energy meter is rejected on the ground that one electric meter already exists on the premises in the name of applicant's father, where applicant is presently residing with his brothers.

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

3) IGRC rejected the grievance application vide order dt.06.11.2018, 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 Dahashtra of SNDL. We have carefully perused of case record.

5) It appears from record that the applicant is residing with his family member in the premises where one electric meter already exists and they are enjoying the supply from it. There is nothing on record to show that the premises bearing House No. 27/954, Somwari Qtr.239/2, Nagpur are divided/partitioned between the joint family members. Thus they are still residing jointly in the same premises. It is obvious that a request for new connection is made only for the purpose of convenience.

However unless the premises are divided in separate blocks by partition or by any other mode of transfer of ownership, the request for grant of new connection on the same undivided premises cannot be considered

6) As such 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 metes and bounds and then submit 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 occupation.

8) It is made clear that in case the applicant produces valid documentary evidence regarding division/partition of the premises, the Commercial Manager shall consider his request for grant separate electric meter, in an accordance with law.

9) With the aforesaid observations/directions the grievance application is 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.