

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/33/2019

Applicant : Shri Amol Shrawanji Dhongade
At.Allipur, Taluka Hinganghat,
Dist. Hinganghat.

V/s

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Executive Engineer,
Hinganghat Dn. M.S.E.D.C.L.,
Hinganghat.

Applicant represented by : Shri B.V. Betal.
Non-applicant represented by: 1) Shri H.P. Pawade, Exe.Engr.,
MSEDCL, Hinganghat.

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 03.05.2019

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 his claim for compensation for delay in giving electric connection for Agricultural Pump is rejected vide order dated 25.02.2019 passed by IGRC holding that is barred by limitation as per clause 12.2 of MERC, SOP Regulations 2014.

2) On notice the Non-applicant vide reply dated 30.04.2019 denied the claim for compensation as barred by limitation. However, stated that necessary steps will be taken for grant of new electric connection as per seniority under Solar System.

3) Today when the matter is called out for final hearing, applicant's representative Shri B.V. Betal attended. Non-applicant is represented by Shri H.P. Pawade, Executive Engineer, Hinganghat Division.

4) Oral submissions of both the parties heard. We have carefully perused the case record.

5) It is obvious from record that the applicant applied for conventional energy connection on 17.04.2018 and Demand Note is issued. However, subsequently Government of Maharashtra issued G.R. dated 15.11.2018 & 01.01.2019 directing that with effect from 31.03.2018 all the electric connection for Agricultural pumps will be through solar system only. This being so the applicants request for grant of connection through conventional mode cannot be considered.

6) The IGRC vide order dated 25.02.2019 rejected claim for compensation as barred by limitation and directed applicant to apply for solar connection. It is stated on behalf of Non-

applicant that in compliance of aforesaid order of IGRC applicant is already informed by text message and on his cell to submit application for solar connection. However, the same is not submitted by him so far.

7) In view of the above, this Grievance application cannot be entertained. It is accordingly dismissed, however, with a direction to the applicant's representative to call upon and convince the applicant to submit application to the Non-applicant for solar energy connection, within a week from today.

8) The amount of Demand Note already deposited for conventional mode shall be adjusted in the Demand Note to be issued for grant of solar connection.

9) No order as to costs of this proceeding.

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

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

Sd/-
(Arvind J. Rohee)
CHAIRPERSON