

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

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**Case No. CGRF(NZ)/65/2019**

Applicant : Shri Yashwantsingh Govindsingh Rajput,  
User – Shri Sunil Jacob,  
H. No. 184/A/1, Lala's Garden,  
Khalashi Line, Nagpur-440001.

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

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Applicant represented by : Shri Sunil Jacob.

Non-applicant represented by: 1) Shri V.R. Sonkusle, Exe.Engr.  
2) Shri Dahasastra, SNDL.

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

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**ORDER PASSED ON 31.07.2019**

1. The Applicant approached this Forum under Clause 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations 2006, since his request for grant of new electric connection to his premises located at Khalashi Line, Nagpur has been rejected by the Non-applicant on the

ground that there is no separate residence in the premise and one live electric connection already exists there.

2. The Applicant resides along with his family members on the above address. There is one live electric connection bearing Consumer No. 410013383684 in the name of the Applicant's wife in the said premises. However, the Applicant applied for new connection in his name (perhaps with a view to get the slab benefit in electric bills exceeding 100 units). In view of the fact that there was no separate residence as such by partition, the request was rejected initially by the Commercial Manager and thereafter by the Internal Grievances Redressal Cell (IGRC) vide order dated 18.06.2019. The Applicant then approached this Forum for redressal of his grievance.

3. On notice the Non Applicant vide reply dated 11.07.2019 resisted the claim on the same grounds raised before IGRC and placing reliance of the provisions of Clause 2.2.5 of MSEDCL's Condition of Supply based on MERC's Regulations, 2005.

4. On 30.07.2019 when the matter was called out for final hearing, heard the Applicant's representative Shri Sunil Jacob

and the reply arguments of Shri Sonkusale, Executive Engineer, MSEDCL assisted by Shri Dahasahastra of SNDL. We have carefully perused the case record.

5. It is obvious from record that the Applicant resides jointly with his other family members in the same premise. It appears that the premises consists of ground and first floor. The Applicant, therefore, desires new connection on first floor in his name, when one connection in the name of his wife already exists there. As such in view of the provisions of MERC's Regulations 2005 second connection in the same premises cannot be released, unless it is shown that the family members reside separate by virtue of partition. This being so unless the valid proof of partition by a document with separate residence is shown, the Applicant's request cannot be considered.
6. In view of above we do not find any ambiguity or illegality in the order passed by the Commercial Manager and confirmed by IGRC. The grievance application is, therefore, dismissed.
7. The applicant will however, be at liberty to apply afresh by giving concrete proof regarding separate residence based on a valid Deed of partition and if submitted, the Non-applicant shall consider it expeditiously.

8. In the facts and circumstances of the case the Parties are directed 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