

**Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s
Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum
Nagpur Zone, Nagpur**

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/71/2019

Applicant : Shri Vijay Wamanrao Tidke,
House No.3513/592, Hiwari Nagar,
Near Power House,
Nagpur-08

V/s

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

Applicant represented by : Shri Vijay Wamanrao Tidke,
Non-applicant represented by: 1) Shri S.S. Ishwarkar, Dy.Exe.Engr.,
MSEDCL, NUC, Nagpur.
2) Shri Dahasahatra, SNDL, Nagpur

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

ORDER PASSED ON 16.08.2019

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 aggrieved by rejection of his claim for sanction of new electric meter in his house located at Hiwari Nagar, Nagpur-440008.

2) It is stated that the applicant resides jointly with his parents and there is one live electric connection bearing Consumer No.41001272295 in the name of his mother Smt. Saraswati Bai. It is stated that the house consist of ground and first floor. The meter exists on the ground floor from the year 1989. The applicant prayed for grant of new electric meter in his name for the use on first floor. It is rejected by the Commercial Manager and then by IGRC vide order dated 02.07.2019 on the ground that there is no separate entrance to the house. Hence this grievance application.

3) The Non applicant by reply dated 07.08.2019, supported the action taken by virtue of the provisions of clause 2.2.5 of MSEDCL Conditions of Supply Regulations 2005.

4) On 13.08.2019, when the matter is called out for final hearing, the applicant is represented by his father. Heard him and the reply arguments of Shri Ishwarkar, Dy.Executive Engineer, MSEDCL assisted by Shri Dahasahastra of SNDL.

5) We have carefully perused the case record, the issue involved and the provisions of relevant regulations.

6) It is obvious from record that the applicant desires to have second electric meter on the first floor of his house, when one live connection already exists on the ground floor. It is stated by the applicant that his family consists of 10 members and the house of 5 rooms for occupation. According to him the connected load is also minimal.

7) Considering the provisions of the Regulations and the law laid down in this behalf, second electric meter in the same premises in the name of another family member cannot be granted, unless it is shown that the premises in question are separate, in the sense that there is separate residence by partition for the person applying for second electric connection.

8) In the present case there is no material on record to show that the applicant resides separate by virtue of a family partition. Hence, no ambiguity is found in the order passed by IGRC.

9) The grievance application is therefore, rejected with no order as to costs

10) The applicant will, however, be at liberty to apply a fresh for second electric meter by producing valid proof of partition of house and his separate residence to the Non applicant, which if submitted shall be considered expeditiously in accordance with the Rules.

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

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

Sd/-
(Arvind J. Rohee)
CHAIRPERSON