

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/93/2019

Applicant : Smt.Ranjana Arun Chaudhary,
At-Narayanpur, Post-Dongargaon,
Tal.Samudrapur
Dist.Wardha.

V/s

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

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

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

ORDER (ORAL)

(DELIVERED ON 27.11.2019)

1. The Applicant through her representative Shri B.V. Betal approached this Forum under Para 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations 2006, since aggrieved by the order dated 29.07.2019 passed by IGRC, MSEDCL, Wardha Division rejecting her claim for compensation for failing to provide electric connection for 3HP agricultural pump, through conventional mode in her field property.

2. Today when the matter is called out for final hearing applicant's representative Shri B.V. Betal is present. On behalf of Non-applicant Shri M.S. Gadigone, Dy. Executive Engineer, assisted by Shri A.H. Wankhede, Assistant Engineer, Samudrapur Sub Dn., MSEDCL are present.

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

4. As stated earlier the claim is for compensation for failing to provide electric supply by conventional mode for 3HP Agricultural pump in her field property. The record shows that the applicant completed all the formalities including submission of Test Report. However, it is stated that the applicant was informed by a letter dated 25.02.2019 by the Dy.Executive Engineer, Samudrapur Sub Division, that in her case the permissible limit of expenditure to the extent of Rs.2.5 Lakhs for installation of poles, transformer and for laying electric line exceeds the said limit, since HT line is to be laid from a distance of 0.79 km.

5. On interrogation the applicant's representative stated that the applicant did not receive the said letter dated 25.02.2019 and hence did not reply it, in which option is given to the applicant to apply for electric connection under Solar Energy Agriculture Pump Scheme. On instructions received applicant's representative stated that the applicant is not prepared to bear the additional expenses across the limit of 2.5 lakhs and is also not prepared to apply under Solar Energy Agricultural Pump Scheme and insists for conventional mode only..

6. In view of above, on interrogation it is stated on behalf of Non-applicant that if the intended consumer is not prepared to take advantage of Solar Energy Agricultural Pump Scheme and is not prepared to bear the additional expenditure exceeding the permissible limit of 2.5 lakhs for conventional mode, then such request for grant of agricultural connection by conventional mode only can be dealt with by District Planning & Development Committee headed by District Collector.

7. This being so instead of directing applicant to submit fresh application for being forwarded to DPDC Wardha, her pending application dated 22.01.2018 in the Office of Dy.Executive Engineer, Samudrapur Sub Division, MSEDCL be treated as the one under DPDC Scheme and it be processed further, as per rules by completing prescribed formalities. The Non-applicant is also directed to do the needful.

8. In view of the above, there is no question of grant of any compensation to the applicant. The order dated 19.07.2019 passed by IGRC is modified to above extent.

9. The Non-applicant is, therefore, directed to take appropriate steps in this behalf, as stated in preceding para. Photocopy of this order be also forwarded to D.P.D.C. District Collector, Wardha, for information and taking appropriate order in the matter on receiving a proposal from the Non-applicant.

10. The amount of Demand Note deposited by the applicant on 31.01.2018 shall be adjusted towards the cost to be incurred, in finalizing the proposal.

11. It is also directed that prompt steps in this behalf be taken on priority basis by all concern.

12. No order as to costs.

13. Office to forward authenticate copy of this order to both the parties and also to D.P.D.C. District Collector, Wardha for taking appropriate steps in the matter.

(Mrs. Asmita A. Prabhune)
MEMBER(CPO)

(Mrs. V.N.Parihar)
MEMBER SECRETARY

(Arvind J. Rohee)
CHAIRPERSON

