

**CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD- SOUTHERN REGION
VYDYUTHI BHAVANAM, KOTTARAKKARA**

Present: 1. Smt.Laila.N.G,Deputy Chief Engineer, Chairperson
2. Sri. Sanjeev Koshy,Executive Engineer, Member II
3. Sri.C.K.Harikumar,Advocate,Member III

Tuesday 12th March,2024

OP No.01/2024

Between

Petitioner: THOMAS.V.T
ADVOCATE, VARACHERIL HOUSE,
PALA.P.O., PIN -686575.

And

Respondents : (1) The Assistant Executive Engineer
Electrical Sub Division, Pala.

(2) The Assistant Engineer,
Electrical Section, Pala.

ORDER

1. Grievance of the petitioner

The service connection under consumer number 1156247000070 is registered in the name of V.T.Thomas, Varacheril Pala with connected load of 150 W under tariff LT 6 F and 1156240008870 in the name of V.T. Thomas, Varacheril, Pala with connected load of 1158 W under tariff LT 7A. The purpose for which electricity is being consumed for consumer No.115624008870 is commercial.

The 4.43 Ares of land and the building therein bearing number XXII/22 in Block No.80, Re.Sy.No.54/89 of Lalam Village in Meenachil Taluk where in electricity Connections bearing consumer Nos 1156247000070 and 1156240008870 were installed has been acquired and taken possession on 03/02/2020 by the Government of Kerala as per the proceeding No.B1-94/10 (LAC-1) dated 30/01/2020 by the Special Thahasildar Land Acquisition, Kottayam and is in their possession “

The petitioner stated that he had paid all the bills till the date of acquisition by the Government. He states that he is not liable to pay the electricity charges above said connections from 03/02/2020 onwards. He received an unnumbered notice dated 25/07/2022 demanding an amount of Rs.7,315/- as arrears of electricity charges with respect to consumer no.1156240008870 and threatening that steps under the Revenue Recovery Act will be initiated for realizing the said amount. So the petitioner prays the Forum to quash the amount.

2. Version of the respondent

The service connection under consumer No.1156247000070 is registered in the name of V.T.Thomas, Varacheril Pala with connected load of 150 W under tariff LT 6 F and 1156240008870 in the name of V.T.Thomas, Varacheril, Pala with connected load of 1158 W under tariff LT 7 A. . The purpose for which electricity is being consumed for consumer No.1156240008870 is commercial. The premises have been acquired and taken possession on 03/02/2020 by the Government of Kerala as per the proceeding No.B1-94/10 (LAC-1), Kottayam and is in their possession. But the licensee did not receive any confirmation letter from the consumer regarding land acquisition. In the case of consumer Number 1156247000070 , the consumer has paid the electricity bill of Rs.810 on 20/03/2020 after which the bills are pending. Hence the licensee dismantled the connection on 30/11/2022 since the consumer did not initiate any payment. In the case of consumer No.1156240008870, the consumer has paid the electricity bill of Rs.672/- on 20/03/2020. Hence the licensee issued a disconnection notice dated 25/07/2022 demanding an amount of Rs7,365/- as arrears and disconnected the supply on 18/03/2021 and afterwards dismantled the connection on 26/11/2021

since the consumer did not initiate any payment. The decision to disconnect and dismantle the connection was made in adherence to the relevant clauses of the supply code 2014. Hence the respondent prays the Forum to realize the bill from the petitioner.

3. Analysis and Findings

The hearing was conducted on 13/02/2024. Both petitioner and respondent were present and heard the matter in detail. On going through the petition and other documents in the file, the Forum viewed that the case is with regard to an arrear bill of Rs.7,315/- to Sri. V.T. Thomas by the licensee.

The petitioner stated that he had paid all the bills till the date of acquisition by the Government and he is not liable to pay the electricity charges. The respondent argued that there was energy consumption up to the issuance of disconnection notice at the premises. Hence the demand of arrear charges. The Forum viewed that the licensee has completed all the procedures of disconnection and dismantling as per regulation 138, 144 of Kerala Electricity supply code 2014. The respondent argued that even after the acquisition of building by the revenue authorities there was an energy consumption at the premises observed. So the petitioner is liable to pay the bill.

4. DECISION

Considering the facts and the circumstances of the case mentioned above the Forum ordered as follows.

1. The bill issued is legal and sustainable hence the petitioner is liable to pay the bill. Suitable instalments shall be issued for making payment if the petitioner desires.
2. No order as to cost.

If the petitioner is not satisfied with the above order of this Forum, he is at liberty to prefer appeal before the Electricity Ombudsman within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The address of the Electricity Ombudsman is furnished below.

'The State Electricity Ombudsman, D.H & Foreshore Road Junction, Near Gandhi Square, Ernakulam, Kerala - 682 016. Phone: 0484 2346488'.

Sd/-

C .K.HARIKUMAR
ADVOCATE
MEMBER III

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SANJEEV KOSHY
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MEMBER II

Sd/-

LAILA.N.G
DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER
CHAIRPERSON

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Sd/-

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Dated :14/03/2024

Delivered to:

1. THOMAS.V.T, ADVOCATE, VARACHERIL HOUSE, PALA.P.O.,
2. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Electrical Sub Division, Pala
3. The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Pala.

Copy to :-

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