

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

DATE OF HEARING : July 4, 2007 at 11.00 hrs

CASE No. : 15 of 2007

COMPLAINANTS : Shri. Haribhau Digambar Khapre, Joint Secretary,  
Jat Taluka Vidyutdharak Association

RESPONDENTS : Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company  
Limited (“MSEDCL”)

MATTER : Complaint filed by Shri. Haribhau Digambar  
Khapre under Regulation 8.7 of the MERC (CGRF  
& Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006, read  
with Section 142, 149 and 57(2) of the Electricity  
Act (“EA 2003”) for non-compliance of the order  
dated February 9, 2007 passed by the CGRF,  
Kolhapur, in Case Nos. 64 to 78 of 2006

QUORUM : Chairman, M(T) and M(F)

Shri. Haribhau Digambar Khapre, Joint Secretary, Jat Taluka Vidyutdharak Association, filed a complaint on May 22, 2007 under Regulation 8.7 of the MERC (CGRF & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006, read with Section 142, 149 and 57(2) of the EA 2003. The Commission scheduled the hearing of the matter for July 4, 2007 in the presence of consumer representatives authorised on a standing basis under the Electricity Act, 2003 (“EA 2003”). Notices were issued accordingly.

2. At the hearing held in the matter on July 4, 2007, Shri. Haribhau Digambar Khapre referred to the averments made under the complaint, and submitted that MSEDCL has failed to comply with the order dated February 9, 2007 passed by the CGRF, Kolhapur in Case No.s 64 to 78 of 2006, wherein inter alia, MSEDCL was directed to provide supply to 12 agricultural farmers before May 31, 2007. The aggrieved 12 agricultural farmers were kept informed by MSEDCL that purchase orders have already been placed by MSEDCL, in order to procure the infrastructure that would be required for providing connection, as directed by the CGRF, Kolhapur. Further, assurance was given by MSEDCL that electricity connections would be provided latest by June 10, 2007. Subsequently, on June 1, 2007, the aggrieved 12 agricultural farmers sought information from MSEDCL, under the Right to Information Act, 2005, as to precisely when electricity connections shall be provided to all the aggrieved 12 agricultural farmers. MSEDCL, vide their reply letter dated June 7, 2007, have informed the aggrieved 12 agricultural farmers, that electricity connections have already been provided as per the said order dated February 9, 2007 passed by the CGRF, Kolhapur in Case No.s 64 to 78 of 2006.

3. Shri. Satyajit Pawar, Deputy Law Officer-MSEDCL, submitted that connections as directed under the said CGRF order dated February 9, 2007, has already been provided by MSEDCL, and sought a period of two weeks for submitting a detailed reply.
4. The Commission directed MSEDCL to file detailed reply and adjourned the matter for further hearing.

**List of Persons present at the hearing on July 4, 2007**

1. Shri. Jagatap V.N., Jat Taluka Vidhutdharak Assoiation.
2. Shri. Khapre H.D., Jat Taluka Vidhutdharak Assoiation.
3. Shri. W. H, Jagtap, MSEDCL.
4. Shri. P.J. Jedhe, MSEDCL.
5. Shri. D.K. Patil, MSEDCL.
6. Shri. P.I. Rathod, MSEDCL.
7. Shri. S.K. Patil, MSEDCL.
8. Shri. A.G. Deshwingkar, MSEDCL.
9. Shri. M.V. Vadyande, MSEDCL.