

**Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Date: 5 September, 2023

**CORAM: Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson
Anand M. Limaye, Member
Surendra J. Biyani, Member**

Case No. 15/MP/2023

Petition of M/s. Aarohi Bio Coals against MSEDCL seeking compliance of the CGRF, Nagpur Order dated 23 November 2020.

M/s. Aarohi Bio Coals, Wardha : Petitioner
Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL) : Respondent

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Shri. Piyush Mendhekar
For the Respondent : Shri. Pradip Ramdas Ghorude

Daily Order

1. Heard the representatives of Petitioner and Respondent.
2. The representative of the Petitioner stated that MSEDCL has complied with the CGRF Order in entirety after delay of around 3 years and that too only after filing of present non-compliance Petition before this Commission. He further stated that such delay in compliance has resulted a financial hardship to him.
3. The representative of the Respondent stated that it has complied with the CGRF Order dated 23 November 2020 partially within 60 days of CGRF Order by releasing the electricity connection, however, direction for revision in electricity bill could have been complied only in March 2023.
4. The Commission notes that CGRF Order has been complied but with delay of around 3 years. Due to such substantial delay, Petitioner has to face financial hardship. Also, such delay in implementation of CGRF Order weaken the CGRF mechanism which has been created under the Electricity Act, 2003 for safeguarding consumer's interest. Hence, the Commission deems it fit to direct the payment of interest at the rate of Bank Rate (equivalent to rate of Reserve Bank of India) applicable for that period on bill adjustment amount to the Petitioner for delayed period. Said interest amount be credited in the bill of Petitioner within 15 days from date of this Order and said amount shall be recovered from salary of the Concerned Officer (Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer).

5. Compliance of above directives be filed within 3 weeks.
6. **Next date of hearing will be intimated separately by the Secretariat of the Commission.**

Sd/-
(Surendra J. Biyani)
Member

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(Anand M. Limaye)
Member

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(Sanjay Kumar)
Chairperson