

**Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CASE No. 62 and 63 of 2018

Dated: 19 June, 2018

**CORAM: Shri Anand B. Kulkarni, Chairperson
Shri Mukesh Khullar, Member**

In the matter of

**Petition of Shri. Dattatray Vitthal Patil regarding non-compliance of the
Electricity Ombudsman Mumbai's Order dated 11 October, 2017 in
Representation No. 93/2017 by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co.
Ltd.**

(Case No. 62 of 2018)

And

**Petition of Shri. Rajaram Shrirang Patil regarding non-compliance of the
Electricity Ombudsman Mumbai's Order dated 11 October, 2017 in
Representation No. 92/2017 by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co.
Ltd.**

(Case No. 63 of 2018)

1. Shri. Dattatray Vitthal Patil
 2. Shri. Rajaram Shrirang Patil
-Petitioner (s)

V/s

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL) Respondent

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Shri A. A. Momin (Rep.)

For the Respondents : Shri R.N.Gawande (Rep.)

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1. Heard the Representative of the both the parties.
2. As both the Cases are based on identical issues, the Commission clubbed the proceedings of Case No. 62 and 63 of 2018.
3. Representative of the Petitioners stated as follows:
 - (a) He re-iterated the submissions as stated in the Petitions. He stated that MSEDCL has not complied with both the Orders of the Electricity Ombudsman (EO) in Representation No. 92/2017 and 93/2017 passed on 11 October, 2017.
 - (b) MSEDCL in its Reply has stated that the work of Agriculture (AG) connection will be completed as soon as agency/scheme will be available.
 - (c) MSEDCL is duty bound to provide necessary arrangement of agency/ scheme for extending AG connection at the earliest.
4. Representative of MSEDCL stated that AG connections of the Petitioners were included in the paid pending list. As of now , no scheme for releasing AG pump connections was available from Government or from own funds of MSEDCL. The work of AG connection of the Petitioners would be taken up immediately after agency / scheme gets sanctioned.
5. The Commission observes that similar cases of non-compliance of the Orders of the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and the EO Orders regarding release of new AG connections were increasing of late and MSEDCL in all those matters has been citing paucity of funds as the reasons for not extending new AG connections. Further, MSEDCL has sought funding from Government of Maharashtra so that connections could be released on top priority. Commission hereby directs MSEDCL to move the Government for release of needed funds for clearing the paid pending list which it is statutorily obliged to do as per the time prescribed for release of new electricity connection. MSEDCL to report efforts made by it and the response of the Government in this regard within next 2 months.

The Case is reserved for Order.

**Sd/-
(Mukesh Khullar)
Member**

**Sd/-
(Anand B. Kulkarni)
Chairperson**