

BEFORE THE CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM
MADHYA GUJARAT VIJ CO LIMITED
CORPORATE OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR SP VIDYUT BHAVAN,
RACECOURSE, VADODARA 390 007

Subject	Consumer Grievances Complaint No.MG-III-38-09.10
Complainant	Yogi Divine Society, Sokhada Dist Vadodara Con No.02102/1825/3 and 02102/01827/0
Respondent	Shri N V Vaidya, EE Vadodara (Rural) MGVCL and Shi N S Chavda DE Chhani S/dn of MGVCL
Date of hearing	26.10.2009

QUORUM	NAME
Chairman	Shri S A Pota, MGVCL
Member	Shri K R Shah, MGVCL
Independent Member	Dr R C Desai, Vadodara
Convener	Shri P L Mistry, MGVCL

This complaint dated 19.10.09 is directed against disconnection of agricultural connection since 29.4.2008.

Today on 26.10.2009, the case of the Complainant Grievance was heard before Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum wherein Shri Sadhu Gyan Swaroopdasji, appeared on behalf of Yogi Divine Society, Sokhada, whereas Shri N V Vaidya EE and Shri N S Chavda appeared as respondent on behalf of MGVCL before the Forum. Both the parties were heard.

The facts of the case are as follows. The Yogi Divine Society, Sokhada, was having two agricultural connections of 75 HP each since 1977 and 1981 respectively. Both these connections were disconnected on 29.4.2008. The complainant approached the concerned MGVCL authorities for reconnection several times but without any response. Being aggrieved by lack of response for reconnection, the complainant has preferred to file this complaint before this Forum.

The representative of the complainant contended that their two agricultural connections were released on 11.1.1977 and 8.4.1981 and they have been paying electricity charges regularly. Still, however, these connections were severed on 29.4.2008 without assigning any reasons whatsoever. They have been using the electric supply only for agricultural purpose. They have approached the MGVCL officers several times but of no avail. He also suggested that if these connections cannot be reconnected, they could be shifted elsewhere as per rules.

The Respondent Shri N V Vaidya, contended that they hardly see any agricultural activity there on the site. Moreover, by an order of District Collector vide circular No.RTS/Gamtal/Vashi/2136/5 dated 8.6.2005, the Sokhada village land is incorporated under Gamtal as "Petapara" of Sokhada

village. The premises of Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Mandir, Haridham, are also included in the Sokhada village. In sequel to this circular, no agricultural activity could be undertaken in this village wherein Haridham is located. Therefore, the necessity of electricity connection under agricultural category does not arise. Perhaps, it is because of this knowledge of this circular that no agricultural activities undertaken by Yogi Divine Society. With this background, MGVCL is unable to provide reconnection of the disconnected agricultural connection.

The Forum Members present at the hearing considered contention of both the parties and perused the records. On going through the aforesaid circular issued by the District Collector of Vadodara, it is very clear that the Sokhada village is reckoned as "Petapara". That is to say the land under "Petapara" cannot be cultivated for agricultural purpose. If this is so, the question of releasing any electric connection by MGVCL under "Petapara" for agricultural purpose does not arise. However, if possible and permissible by rules in force, these connections may be shifted outside "Petapara" within the prescribed distance as per rules in force, in consultation with the complainant.

In view of the above discussion, the Forum is of the opinion that disconnection of agricultural connections of the complainant is in order.

ORDER

The Forum opines that the disconnection of agricultural connections of the complainant by Madhya Gujarat Vij Co Limited is in order.

(K R Shah)
Member

(Dr R C Desai)
Independent Member

(S A Pota)
Chairman

PS :

If the complainant is not satisfied with the order of this Forum, the complainant may approach the Ombudsman, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, 1st floor, Neptune Tower, OPP: Nehru Bridge, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad 380 009 in accordance with Chapter-5, Clause No.13 of GERC Notification No.4 of 2005.