

CONSUMERS GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM AT KASUMPTI, SHIMLA-9.

No. CGRF/Complaint No. 3234/3/22/28

Dated:-

M/s. I.D. Sood,
ISPAT Private Ltd.,
Vill.& P.O. Kandrori,
The. Indora, Distt. Kangra,
H.P.

Complainant

V/s.

HPSEBL

Respondents

Complaint No. 3234/3/22/28

Present for:-

Complainant

1. Sh. Ravinder Kumar Sharma, Authorized Signatory

Respondent

None.

Interim Order

Dated:-31.08.2022

(The previous date of hearing in the complaint is Nil).

- (1) By way of Application accompanying main complaint, Consumer/Complainant Sh. I.D. Sood, ISPAT Private Ltd., Village and Post Office Kandrori, Tehsil Indora, Distt. Kangra, H.P. 176403, bearing consumer ID No. 100012000193, receiving electricity supply at 33 KV categorized under the Large Industrial Power Supply (LIPS) consumer category, has prayed for Interim-Ex- Parte relief by way of staying the impugned Bill No. 130000520909 dated 24.08.2022 for amount of Rs. 65,81,612/- (Annexure C-1) raised to the Complainant/Applicant herein by Respondent HPSEBL. Complainant has sought stay under the pre-condition of deposit of 1/3rd of the disputed amount, which he is willing to deposit.
- (2) On examining of complaint it is seen that the Complainant is challenging the whole of the current Bill No. 130000520909 dated 24.08.2022 for amount of 65,81,612/- by merely stating that the bill is wrong as it has wrongly been calculated by taking meter reading up to 24.08.2022 and that this was supposed to be for a lesser period. On further examination of Complaint it is seen that vide Complainant's letter dated 08.07.2022 (Annexure C-2) addressed to the Respondent HPSEBL, the Complainant had sought disconnection for approximately 6 months from 01.08.2022 on grounds that the Complainant shall be stopping his unit for approximately 4-5 months. The Complainant has

forwarded advance copies of Complaint by Post to the Respondent on 30.08.2022 which is ascertained from record.

- (3) This Forum is not inclined to place on hold whole of the dues payable by Complainant to the Respondent HPSEBL on account of ibid current Bill as this sets wrong precedent. Moreover, the Complainant has also not shown to this Forum the item-wise break-up of amount chargeable vis-à-vis that charged and as to which charges are wrong. In view of ibid Complainant's letter dated 08.07.2022 addressed to the Respondent HPSEBL, as apparent from record, no irreparable loss is envisaged by this Forum on reasons of any foreseeable threat of disconnection of electricity supply to the Complainant by the Respondent HPSEBL.
- (4) On foregoing terms, no ex-parte-Ad-Interim stay is granted without giving the opposite party, being the Respondent HPSEBL, opportunity of being heard. The Complainant is directed to pay/deposit with the Respondent HPSEBL whole of the amount raised in impugned Bill dated 24.08.2022 subject to final disposal of the Complaint. In the meantime, Respondent HPSEBL shall file Reply as the advance copies of complaint stand forwarded to the Respondent HPSEBL. Also, in the meantime the Complainant shall file by way of Application the item-wise break-up of the impugned Bill, clearly depicting amounts charged vis-à-vis that chargeable in accordance with the relevant Tariff Orders passed and Regulations/Codes framed by the Ld. HP Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC).

The Application is disposed of on foregoing terms.

Main Complaint to come up for admission hearing on 15.09.2022 when it is ordered to be listed.

List for 15.09.2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Sd/-
(Vikas Gupta)
(Member)

Sd/-
(Tushar Gupta)
(Chairman)