

Consumers Grievances Redressal Forum At Kasumpti Shimla-171009.

No. CGRF/Complaint No. 3232/4/20/041-R3332/1/23/12 Dated:-

M/s HRA Paper Mills Pvt. Ltd,
Village Tibbi Mauja Khundia
Hadbast No. 42, Tehsil Indora
Distt. Kangra (HP).

Complainant

V/s.

HPSEBL & Others.

Respondents

Complaint No. 3232/4/20/041-R3332/1/23/12

Present for:-

Complainant 1.Sh. Lalit Sharma and Ashwani Sharma (Advocates)

Respondent 1. Sh. Kamlesh Saklani Under Secretary Law
2. Er. Ajay Kumar, A.E. ESD Indora
3. Er. Rajesh Puri, J.E. Indora

Dated:-14.03.2023

Interim Order

(The previous date of hearing in the complaint was 03.03.2023).

Pursuant to the Order of the Ld. Ombudsman dated 27.08.2022, Application was filed in March 2023 by the Complainant for revival of the Complaint and for hearing the matter on merits. The Complainant admitted to have submitted the undated Application in March 2023, being unaware of the necessity to do so.

The Matter was listed for the arguments today. Part Arguments heard. The issue pertains to the restoration of connection and the recovery of charges by the Respondent Board.

Ld. Counsel for the Complainant argued that the matter was resolved through mediation as per final Orders of the Hon'ble High Court

dated 30.05.2018, whereby the entire dispute inter-se parties stand settled. The Ld. Counsel for the Complainant further argued that in the mediation proceedings, it was agreed between the parties that the payment of Rs.39,84,779/- + Rs.42,429/- by the Complainant, shall amount to full and final settlement and the Respondent Board shall restore/reconnect the supply.

However, pursuant to the ibid settlement, the Complainant approached the Respondent for restoring the electricity connection of the Complainant, but Respondent Board demanded Surcharge to the tune of Rs.90,98,980/- and IDC charges of Rs. 27,20,000/- and other charges for reconnection. The same were paid under protest by the Complainant for the restoration of electricity connection. The Ld. Counsel for the Complainant further submitted that these charges are against the spirit of mediation and Order of the Hon'ble High Court.

On the other hand, the Respondent Board submitted that as per Supply Code and extant Regulations, the Complainant is required to pay the mandatory statutory charges and therefore the entire mediation proceedings are to be examined before submitting the detailed arguments.

At this stage the parties prayed time to submit their conclusive arguments after going through the entire record of mediation etc.

Prayed allowed. Complaint to come up for Final Hearing on 28.03.2023.

List on 28.03.2023 at 11.15AM.

Sd/-
(K.S. Dhaulta)
(Member)

Sd/-
(Vikas Gupta)
(Member)

Sd/-
(Tushar Gupta)
(Chairman)