# CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM

## ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, BARGARH

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#### **Present:**

Sri B.K.Singh

President

Sri Pulakesh Dasbhaya

Member (Finance)

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Sri D.R Sahu

Co-Opted Member

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## ORDER

## **Brief Facts of the Case**



During the spot hearing at Melchhamunda Electrical Section of Padampur Subdivision under Bargarh West Electrical Division on 09-10-2025, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO- Padampur appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT- Domestic consumer having consumer No. 5152-0304-0137 with connected load of 0.04 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection regarding high consumption bill in Jul-Aug'2021. He requested for revision of bills and mentions about verbal complaint being made to the respondent earlier on.

#### Gist of Arguments made by the Parties

Both parties were present in the hearing. The contentions made by the parties are as follows:

#### 1. Submission of the Complainant:

- 1. The complainant submits that, high consumption bill has been served to him for the month of Jul-Aug'21 due to which high billings have been done resulted to accumulation of arrear.
- 2. He further submits that; he had made verbal complain to the respondent about the erroneous bill.
- 3. He also requested the Forum to revise the bills.

#### 2. Reply Submission of the Respondent:

- i. The respondent submitted the PVR dated 18-10-2025 mentioning the CMR as "18458" of meter no. LW306228 with a written submission of SDO received on 22-10-2025.
- ii. The respondent also agreed upon high consumption bill in Jul-Aug'2021. However, the respondent requested the Forum to take appropriate decision as necessary.

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## Findings and observations of the Forum



Written/verbal Submissions were made by both parties and arguments were heard at length. This Forum, after hearing the parties and going through the relevant documents, FG and Samadhan database (Licensee's soft records) and provisions of law have concluded as follows:

- It is noted from the billing database that the complainant has been given power supply and bills have been done up to Jun'2021 under Kutir Jyoti category. In the month of Jul-Aug'2021, bill of 9122 units amounting to Rs.57922.66 has been served under Domestic category showing a meter change bearing SI. No. LW306228 with a meter reading of "9122".
- 2. It is noted from the database that the meter bearing SI. No. LW306228 was installed on 20-05-2019 but updated in the billing month of Jul-Aug'2021 after 28 months which is a gross negligence on the part of the respondent.
- 3. It is also noted by the Forum that the average monthly consumption recorded by the meter from May'2019 to Aug'2021 is 326 units but the present monthly average consumption from Mar'2025 to Aug'2025 is 166 units only which is around 50% less than the consumption recorded during May'2019 to Aug'2021.
- 4. It is also worth to mention here that, as the respondent has not recorded the monthly consumption of meter up to Jun'2021, the change of category from Kutir Jyoti to domestic category from the date of installation of the meter is not justified.
- 5. Therefore, it is construed by the Forum that, as there may be some error in the meter during that period and as the respondent has recorded the monthly consumption from Jul-Aug'2021 the bills should be revised.

#### **Directions of the forum**

In view of the above findings and discussions, the Forum is of the view that,

 As the respondent has not recorded the monthly consumption of meter up to Jun'2021, the category is to be changed from Kutir Jyoti to Domestic from Jul-Aug'2021.

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- The bill for the month of Jul-Aug'2021 is to be revised under domestic category as per the average of six consecutive billing of meter bearing St. Norwood LW306228 as per Section 155 and 157 of Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019.
- Any adjustments done during the revision period are also to be taken in to consideration.
- DPS charged on the wrong bills are also to be withdrawn.

The Opposite party is directed to submit the compliance report to this Forum within one month from the date of issue of this order.

Accordingly, the case is disposed of.

(D.R Sahu)
Co-Opted Member
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(P.Dasbhaya) MEMBER Grievance Redressal Foru TPWODL, Bargarh-76802 (B.K.Singh) President President Frievance Redressal Forum TPWODL, Bargarh-768028

Date: 24.10.2025

Certified Copy to:

1) The Zonal Head, Bargarh Zone, TPWODL, Bargarh.

2) The Chief Legal, TPWODL, Burla.

"If the complainant is aggrieved with this order or non-implementation of the order of the Grievance Redressal Forum in time, he/she can make the representation to the Ombudsman-II, Qrs. No. 3R-2(S), GRIDCO Colony, P.O: Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 (Tel. No. 0674-2543825 and Fax No. 0674-2546264) within 30 days from the date of order of the Grievances Redressal Forums".

This order can be accessed at TPWODL website <a href="www.tpwesternodisha.com-">www.tpwesternodisha.com-</a> Customer Zone- Grievance Redressal Forum- BGH- GRF case No. BGH 161 of 2025.