

VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN
O/o: ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
4th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad – 500 004

Present

K.Sanjeeva Rao Naidu
Vidyut Ombudsman

Dated: 07-06-2012

I.A. No. 1 of 2012

in

Appeal No. 19 of 2012

Between

Sri R. Jagan Mohan Reddy,
47, Aravinda Nagar, Domalguda,
Hyderabad – 500 029.

... Appellant

And

1. Asst.Additional Engineer / Operation / APCPDCL/ Ghatkesar
2. Asst.Accounts Officer / APCPDCL / Habsiguda

....Respondents

The appeal / representation dt.08.11.2011 has come up for final hearing before the Vidyut Ombudsman on 01.06.2012. Sri. K.V. Subba Reddy on behalf of the appellant present. Sri. K. Sampath Reddy, AE / Operation / Ghatkesar / APCPDCL and Sri. K.V.V.S.N. Rangacharyulu, AAO / ERO / Habsiguda / RR East Circle / APCPDCL on behalf of respondents present. Heard the parties and having stood over for consideration till this day, the Vidyut Ombudsman passed / issued the following :

ORDER

The applicant submitted a copy of application submitted to the Assistant Engineer, Gatkeswar. In the said petition he has mentioned his grievances as hereunder :

“The applicant is the owner of ac. 3.06 Gts of Agricultural land in sy no. 127/A Yamnampet (V), Gatkeswar (M), R.R. Dist. and Cultivating the land with dry crops, vegetables etc since 13 years; and that he is paying Rs. 20 per month towards Agriculture motor Electricity charges all these years. He came to

know from the Electricity Revenue office, Habsiguda, very recently that the Tariff has been increased from Rs.20/- to Rs. 330/- per month with effect from 1-4-2010. On enquiry nobody is giving correct reply, as to why it is enhanced and that he is not an Income Tax Payee and there is only one Agriculture Electricity connection to his land. He is Cultivating the land by engaging Agriculture Workers”.

2. On receipt of the above said application, this authority has issued a notice to the Assistant Engineer on 26.11.2011. He appeared before this authority and stated that he would rectify the same with in a month, but he could not complete the same with in the time assumed. Again another notice was issued to appear before this authority along with AAO concerned on 30.05.2011. On that day one K.V. Subba Reddy on behalf of the applicant present and AE (Operation) present. A.E. (Operation) Gatkeswar requested time till 01.06.2012 to get the information required. A.E (Operation) Gatkeswar Sri. KSampath Reddy, Sri. K.V.V.S.N. Rangacharyulu, AAO, Habsiguda appeared on 01.06.2011 before this authority. The representative of the applicant also present. The respondents stated as to how it is mentioned at the fare category instead of free category.

3. The required material is already submitted by the applicant to the A.E, and AAO. He is having only ac. 3.06 of dry land in S No. 127 / A Yemnampet. When this authority asked about the material to convert the same into IT category, they have stated that there is no material to that effect. The material submitted by the applicant as required by the department would clearly disclose that he was having only 3.06 acres dry land. So it cannot be said that he is an income tax assessee and there are no grounds to change the category. Therefore, the applicant is entitled for free category as recorded earlier. The applicant is directed to pay the required amount under free category.

4. The respondents are hereby directed to make necessary changes in the records with effect from March 2010, within a month from the date of the receipt of this order. With this observation both the petition and the appeal are closed.

This order is corrected and signed on this day of 7th June, 2012

Sd/-

VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN