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REPRESENTATION No: P 64A/09

Appellant : Sri Joseph . C. K

Chakkalakkunnel house, KULAPPARACHAL (Po) 685619

Respondent: Kerala State Electricity Board

Represented by

The Assistant Executive Engineer

Electrical Sub Division CHITHIRAPURAM 685565

ORDER

Sri Joseph . C. K, Chakkalakkunnel house, Kulapparachal, Idukki Dt submitted a representation on 2.4.2009 seeking the following relief :

Rectify anomalies in fixing Quota in 2008

Counter statements of the Respondent was obtained and hearing of both the parties conducted on 30.7.2009 .The Appellant has a cardamom drier unit with connected load 2825W under Chithirapuram Section . The tariff applied was under LT IVA with FC as Rs 45/ per KW and EC as 325 paise per unit and TOD metering and billing had been applied. When power restriction was effected from 15.10.2008 and as previous period consumption was not available, the Appellant was allotted 120 units as quota which was subsequently revised as 252 units per month w.e.f. 1.2.2009. The actual consumption of the Appellant for the period was much higher due to seasonal nature of the work.

Aggrieved by heavy thermal surcharge component in the bills the Appellant approached the CGRF for relief. The CGRF directed the Respondent to fix up quota as per the standing instructions. The representation with the pleas noted above is submitted to the under signed in the above back ground.

The only point to be verified in this case is whether the quota of the consumer had been fixed and thermal surcharge realized as per the directives of the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission and KSE Board. The KSERC, in view of the precarious power situation in the state, in the order dated October 6 , 2008 had directed the KSEB to fix quota of new LT industrial consumers taking base average as 50 units per KW

w.e.f.15.10.2008.Later the Commission allowed the quota to be revised with base average as 105 units per KW w.e.f. 1.2.2009 .

The Respondent have fixed quota as per the above guide lines. It is true that the Appellant had to pay out heavy amounts as surcharge consequent to the seasonal nature of his work. But it would not be proper to allow individual relief to the Appellant against the principles of the general guide lines issued by the Commission. Hence I am constrained to disallow the plea.

Orders:

Under the circum stances explained above and after carefully examining all the evidences, arguments and points furnished by the Appellant and Respondent on the matter, the representation is disposed off with the following orders:

1. *The arguments/claims/points raised by the Appellant in support of the reliefs sought for are devoid of merit and hence the reliefs are not allowed and the representation is dismissed*
2. *No order on costs.*

Dated this the 19th day of August 2009 ,

P.PARAMESWARAN
Electricity Ombudsman

No P 64A /09/ 325/ dated 20.8.2009

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