

Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum
FOR BSES YAMUNA POWER LIMITED
(Constituted under section 42 (5) of Indian Electricity Act. 2003)
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C A No. Applied for
Complaint No. 237/2022

In the matter of:

Partap SinghComplainant

VERSUS

BSES Yamuna Power LimitedRespondent

Quorum:

1. Mr. P.K. Singh, Chairman
2. Mr. Nishat Ahmad Alvi, Member (CRM)
3. Mr. P.K. Agrawal, Member (Legal)
4. Mr. S.R. Khan, Member (Technical)
5. Mr. H.S. Sohal, Member

Appearance:

1. None present on behalf of the complainant
2. Ms. Ritu Gupta, Mr. Imran Siddiqi, Mr. Prateek Pahwa, Ms. Shweta Chaudhary & Ms. Divya Sharma, On behalf of BYPL

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 09th February, 2023
Date of Order: 13th February, 2023

Order Pronounced By:- Mr. P.K. Singh, Chairman

1. This complaint has been filed by Mr. Partap Singh, against BYPL-KWN.

The brief facts of the case giving rise to this grievance are that complainant Mr. Partap Singh resides at H.No. 209/A, GF, Gali No. 10, 5th Pusta, Sonia Vihar, Delhi-110094. It is also his complaint that he

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applied for new electricity connection vide request no. 8005937874 but respondent rejected his application for new connection on the pretext of premises under HT line. Therefore, complainant's application for release of new connection may be granted.

2. The respondent in reply briefly stated that the complainant applied for grant of new electricity connection vide application no. 8005937874 at property bearing no. 209A, GF, Gali No. 10, 5th Pusta Sonia Vihar, Delhi-110094.
3. OP further submitted that on site inspection it was found that premises is under RIGHT OF WAY OF H.T. LINE, (Horizontal distance = 4.10 meter approx, vertical distance = 14.95 meter, applied building height is 3.80 meter, net vertical distance = 14.95 - 3.80 = 11.15 meter, hence, new electricity connection is not possible.

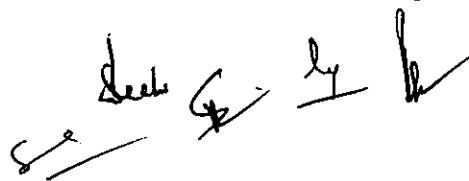
OP further added that Dy. Secretary (Dept. of Power) vide its letter dated 18.01.2017 has clarified that DISCOMS cannot provide electricity connections under HT lines as, as per CEA Regulations 2010, there is a right of way for the HT lines under various voltage level. Accordingly, since the issuance of the said letter the DISCOMS are not issuing electricity connection under HT lines. It was also mentioned that 220 KV HT lines pertains to DTL and only DTL can ascertain the clearance of the connection as per CEA Regulations.

Regulation 61 of Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to safety & Electric Supply) Regulations 2010, provides for distance both vertical and horizontal to be maintained from the highest/nearest point of the building. Further, complainant has not complied with the Regulation 63 as no intimation prior to carrying out the construction was ever given to the respondent.

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OP further added that HT line pertains to DTL and only DTL can ascertain the clearance of the connection as per CEA Regulations. BYPL is neither capable nor authorized to measure the clearances etc for building under the said HT lines.

4. Heard both the parties and perused the record. Heard the arguments of Authorized Representative of the complainant and OP-BYPL.
5. DTL was issued notices on two occasions firstly at the time of admitting the case in the Forum i.e. on 26.12.2022 for providing Horizontal and Vertical distances and thereafter again on 11.01.2023 for the same reason.
6. DTL vide their letter no. F.DTL/206/22-23/Mgr. (T) O&M (E-4)/TR-794/187 dated 19.01.2023 stated that the required measurement will be taken along with BYPL during the proposed shut down of the said circuit in the first week of February 2023 under intimation of Hon'ble Forum.
7. The matter was listed for hearing on 09.02.2023 but the report of DTL was not received by the Forum. Despite giving two letters, DTL failed to provide their report regarding the vertical and horizontal distances from the HT line to the premises of the complainant.
8. The issue is whether the connection of the complainant vide application number 8005937874 can be released, if there is improper clearance from HT line?

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9. Legal Representative of the BYPL has argued on basis of evidence available on record. Respondent submitted that distance clearance between HT line and applied premise is approx 2.90 meter; therefore, electricity connection to the complainant cannot be given in view of Safety Regulations in 79 & 80 of Electricity Rules 1956 and Rule 60 of Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to safety and electric supply) Regulations 2010.
10. Before disposing off the application of the complainant, it is relevant to discuss the rules and regulations applicable to this issue.
11. Respondent and on this ground itself rejected the request quoting the letter no. F-11(17)/2014/Power/91 dated 18.01.17 from Govt. of NCT (Department of Power), New Delhi. The relevant portion is as under:-

"Connection under high tension lines: As per CEA Regulations 2010 there is a right of way for the HT lines under various voltage levels. No construction is allowed under these HT lines as per the right of way specified in the said CEA Regulation."
12. Provision for electrical safety and installation has been provided in Chapter 2, Regulation 5 of DERC (Supply code and performance standards) Regulations 2017, which is as under:-
 5. Safety of electrical installations:-
 - (1) The Licensee and the consumer shall, in every respect, comply with the provisions of the Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010, as amended from time to time.

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (MEASURES RELATING TO SAFETY AND ELECTRIC SUPPLY) REGULATIONS, 2010, Regulation 61 deals with clearance from the buildings of lines of voltage exceeding 650V:

13. This line is 220 KV which is exceeding 650 V as per above provisions vertical distance from the premises should be more than 3.7 meters which is 5.3 meter for 220 KV line. Whereas horizontal distance should be 3.69 meter for 220 KV line as per above regulation.

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The inspection report submitted by BYPL dated 04.01.2023; submitted that the horizontal and vertical distance between HT line and complainant's premises is as under:

Horizontal clearance is approx 4.10 meters

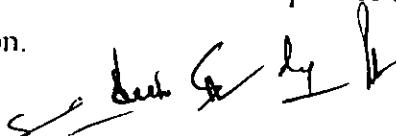
Vertical clearance is approx 14.95 meters

Therefore, as per above stated report the vertical clearance is more than 10 meters which is more than permissible limit as per required by Rule 60 & 61 of CEA guidelines. As far as horizontal clearance is concerned, as per BYPL report it is 4.10 meters, in case of 220 KV line required clearance is 3.7 meter as per law, which is also more than permissible limit as per required by Rule 60 & 61 of CEA Guidelines.

14. Since, water and electricity are integral part of right to life. Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Dilip (Dead) LR vs Satish, in case no. SCC online SC810 dated 13.05.2022 has held that electricity is basic amenity which a person cannot be deprived off. Even on the principle of law there should be equity before law and equal protection of law in the spirit of constitution. In the present circumstances, left side property and right side property of the applied premises already have BSES-YPL connection; therefore, the complainant who had applied for new connection in the same area cannot be deprived of his right to electricity.

Since this distance is approx. this Forum is of the opinion that electricity connection can be given on certain conditions. The complainant is required to submit undertakings as under:

- i) That she shall not extend the present building structure without prior permission from BYPL/DTL. Jointly signed sketch of the premises, mentioning the present clearances shall also be part of the agreement for release of this connection.



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- ii) That whenever there is any amendment in Electrical Safety Rules particularly ROW width and her house/building is found infringing any rule regarding electrical safety, the electricity connection shall be disconnected.
- iii) The respondent is directed to release the connection after completing all necessary commercial formalities and submission of affidavits/undertakings as mentioned in the order.

ORDER

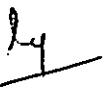
The complaint is allowed. OP is directed to release the new connection to the complainant as per above stated directions and completion of all the necessary commercial formalities.

Accordingly, the case is disposed off.

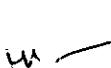
No order as to the cost. Both the parties should be informed accordingly.
Proceedings closed.


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