

BEFORE THE CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM
(Under the Electricity Act, 2003)
PUDUCHERRY

PRESENT:

THIRU T. GOPALAKRISHNAN, B.E.,
CHAIRMAN

THIRU A.S. JITENDRA RAO, B. Tech., M.B.A.,
LICENSEE MEMBER

THIRU R. KRISHNAMURTHY, B.Com., LLB., PGDFL.,
JERC NOMINATED MEMBER

TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2022

CONSUMER CASE No.39/2022

**SUO MOTO PETITION taken on file based on the article published in the Dina
Thanthi daily dated 29/03/2022**

- 1) The Executive Engineer –Rural-South O&M,
Electricity Department,
Puducherry.
- 2) The Assistant Engineer - Bahour,
Electricity Department,
Puducherry.
- 3) The Junior Engineer – Thavalakuppam,
Electricity Department,
Puducherry.

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Respondents

This case in C.C. No.39/2022 came up before this Forum for final hearing on 11/04/2022. After hearing having stood over till this date for consideration this Forum has delivered the following:

The case of the Complainant is as follows:

1. An Article of one Manimaran of Kirumampakkam was published in the Dinathanthi dated 29/03/2022 in the ‘Complaint Box’ of the newspaper. In the complaint it has been stated that the Distribution Transformer on the way to Pudukuppam via Pooranankuppam is leaning dangerously and may cause problem

at any time endangering the lives of the people. The Complainant also specified that inspite of several representation to the Department, the Department has not taken any corrective action for of the leaning structure. Hence, the Complaint.

2. A Suo Motto case has been registered as C.C. No.39/2022 on 29/03/2022 and notice was issued to the Executive Engineer – Rural-South and others to furnish reply by 08/04/2022. The case was posted for hearing on 11/04/2022.

3. In the Affidavit dated 06/04/2022, the Assistant Engineer- Bahour /Respondent No.2 on behalf of Respondent No.1 and 3 had stated that, the existing Pudukuppam Distribution Transformer namely Pooranankuppam SS-VI 200 KVA was energized more than 30 years ago. During that time, the transformer was erected in all safety and standard norms in nearby a private land adjacent to government road. Recently, the Public Works Department has constructed an irrigation culvert nearby the transformer and heighten the road level. So, the transformer structure level goes in lower level. Preliminary field inspection carried by the Junior Engineer, Thavalakuppam on 24/12/2021 and along with the Asst. Engineer, Bahour on 21/02/2022. During inspection some personal dispute and oral objection were informed from nearby land owners not to shift the transformer to the new location. Meanwhile, the transformer shifting proposal was prepared and submitted for getting approval. The transformer work will be carried out after getting approval and subject to availability of line material from Department's store.

4. During the hearing the Forum asked the Department the stage of shifting proposal and time frame required for completing the work. The Assistant Engineer, Bahour informed that atleast 2 months time is required for shifting Transformer, as the Transformer is feeding few agriculture and domestic services. It was also informed by the Assistant Engineer, Bahour that the DP structure has been provided with additional concrete to provide additional safety to the structure.

5. The Forum was not satisfied with the reply of the Department and wanted the transformer to be shifted to the identified location by 28/04/2022, considering the safety of the public using the road.

ORDER

- i. The Respondents are directed to complete the shifting of the Transformer and other related works by 28/04/2022 and file a compliance report within a week afterwords.
- ii. Non-compliance with the directions of Forum by the Licensee shall attract remedial action under Sections 142 and 146, of the Electricity Act 2003.

Dated at Puducherry on this the 19th day of April 2022

Sd/-

(R. KRISHNAMURTHY)
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