



VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

First Floor 33/11 kV substation, Hyderabad Boats Club Lane
Lumbini Park, Hyderabad - 500 063

:: Present:: R. DAMODAR

Thursday, the Twenty Eighth Day of January 2016

Appeal No. 29 of 2015

(Old Appeal No. 51 of 2014-15)

Preferred against Order Dt. 21-07-2014 of CGRF In

CG.No: 30/2014 of Nalgonda Circle

Between

M/s Sri Venkateshwara Colony - I Welfare Society, Nalgonda represented by
Dr. N. Gopal Reddy, Plot No. 54, Old VT Colony, Hyderabad Road,
Nalgonda. Cell 98480 94021.

... Appellant

AND

1. The AE/OP/Nalgonda Town - II/TSSPDCL/Nalgonda.
2. The ADE/OP/Nalgonda Town/TSSPDCL/Nalgonda.
3. The DE/OP/Nalgonda/TSSPDCL/Nalgonda.
4. The SE/OP/Nalgonda circle/TSSPDCL/Nalgonda.

... Respondents

The above appeal filed on 16.08.2014 coming up for hearing before the Vidyut Ombudsman, Telangana State on 28.10.2015 at Hyderabad and both the Appellant and the Respondents were absent and having considered the record and submissions of both the parties, the Vidyut Ombudsman passed the following;

AWARD

The Appellant represented by its president claimed that the electricity officials have shifted an existing electric pole, changing the alignment of the lane, reducing the size of the lane/road causing difficulties to the locality people and others. He claimed that the officials of the Respondents did not inform the residents of the locality before shifting the pole.

2. The 1st Respondent AE/OP/Nlg/Town-II stated before the CGRF that the pole in question, on his inspection, was found to be not at the Appellant personal residence and therefore there was no obstruction as alleged.

3. There was a public hearing conducted by CGRF on 11.7.2014 at Bhongir. CGRF claimed that there was no representation on behalf of the Appellant, while the Respondents were present and claimed that the location of the newly shifted electric pole is not standing in the way of anybody.

4. The CGRF through the impugned orders has observed that the Respondents have not given any reasons for shifting of the pole, when there was no request by the members of the public. It is further observed that there was no record of any sanction of estimate for shifting of the pole and the Respondents have not produced any written material from the local residents to show that the newly shifted pole is not causing any inconvenience to the public. After examining the material, the CGRF held that since there was no representation from the Appellant and no objections were raised by the locality people for shifting of the pole, no further orders were needed in the matter and disposed of the complaint through the impugned orders.

5. Aggrieved and not satisfied with the impugned orders, the named Appellant preferred the present Appeal alleging that the Appellant as the president of the welfare society, filed the complaint keeping in view the public interest and not his personal interest and that after his complaint, the Respondents 1&2 visited their colony and after enquiry, had agreed to shift the pole to the old place and after failing to shift the pole, they have started avoiding saying that the newly shifted pole is not obstructing anybody's way and shifting of the pole is not necessary.

6. The Appellant further alleged that by the shifting of the pole, the road became short by 10 feet in width and the alignment of straight line was changed to irregular one, because of the shifted pole. The Appellant further alleged that the house owners who got the pole shifted, have connections with the electricity employees and with a view to encroach on the colony road, they have influenced the officials for shifting of the pole, without informing the colony officials and that when the colony people informed about shifting of the pole and encroachment of the road by 10 feet, the municipal officials stopped the work

temporarily.

7. The Appellant, during the course of the hearing, alleged that the electric pole was shifted from the place inside a white compound wall to the outside of the compound wall and that the Appellant got information that the TSSPDCL employees are behind this shifting of the pole, to facilitate encroachment of 10 feet into 40 feet road causing extreme difficulty. The Appellant filed photographs to show that the pole has been fixed about 3 or 4 feet into the road from the compound wall and thus the Appellant claimed that the electric pole which was originally located inside the compound wall, was fixed by about 10 feet into the road and wanted a direction for again shifting the pole to its original place. The photographs on record show that the electric pole was planted newly without proper foundation and its alignment is not straight. There has been a direction dt.17.7.2015 in this appeal to the Respondents to see that the pole is shifted to a place touching the compound wall, so that at least 3 feet space is added to the road.

8. During the mediation, the parties have agreed to the above direction. Both the parties have informed that the pole was shifted towards the compound wall giving 3 feet space to the width of the road and the Appellant Association is satisfied with the arrangement suggested and implemented during the mediation, which became successful solving the issue/controversy raised by the Appellant association.

9. In view of the settlement of the dispute in the mediation, no further orders need be passed in this appeal. The Appeal is disposed of accordingly.

Typed by cco, Corrected, Signed and Pronounced by me on this the 28th day of January, 2016.

Sd/-

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6. The Chairperson, CGRF - 1 (Rural), GTS Colony, Erragadda, Hyderabad.
7. The Secretary, TSERC, 5th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad.