

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.CHITAMBARESH

MONDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF JULY 2015/29TH ASHADHA, 1937

WP(C).No. 10221 of 2015 (C)

PETITIONER(S):

1. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, AGED 51 YEARS
ELECTRICAL SUB DIVISION, PALA.
2. THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER
ELECTRICAL SECTION, PALA.

BY ADV. SMT.P.K.RADHIKA-KSEB

RESPONDENT(S):

1. THE CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM
(CENTRAL REGION, ERNAKULAM-682 035).
2. SRI. JOSEPH MATHEW, JR. MICHEL JOSEPH & CO-HOTEL MAHARANI
PALA, KOTTAYAM DISTRICT-686 101.

R2 BY ADV. SRI.M.A.ASIF

R BY SR.GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.ALOYSIOUS THOMAS.L.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON
20-07-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER(S)' EXHIBITS

P1 : A COPY OF THE SITE MAHAZAR DTD.17.7.2013.

P2 : A COPY OF THE VERSION DTD.7.9.2013.

P3 : A COPY OF THE ORDER DTD.9.12.2013 BY THE CGRF.

RESPONDENT(S)' EXHIBITS : NIL.

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P.S. TO JUDGE.

V.CHITAMBARESH, J.

W.P (C) No.10221 of 2015

Dated this the 20th day of July, 2015

J U D G M E N T

Ext.P3 order of the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum was passed as early on 9.12.2013. The present writ petition has been filed 15 months thereafter (on 27.3.2015 to be precise). The Writ Petition is highly belated.

2. Even otherwise the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum has adopted a very reasonable stand. The petitioners are not guilty of tampering with the electricity meter. The meter was tested at the laboratory as directed by the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum.

3. It was found that the meter was creeping even when there was no flow of electrical energy. One phase of the electricity meter was not recording energy justifying a short assessment. The Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum was justified in scaling down the period of short assessment to one month instead of 47 months adopted by the original authority.

The writ Petition fails, dismissed.

Sd/-
V.CHITAMBARESH,
Judge.

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