## HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY OMBUDSMAN

# SHARMA SADAN, BEHIND KEONTHAL COMPLEX, SHIMLA-171002

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In the matter of:

**Complaint No. 14/2023** 

M/S Renny Steels, Village Kunjhal, PO Barotiwala, Tehsil Baddi, District Solan, HP-174103
- Complainant

Vs

- 1. Executive Director (Personnel) HPSEB Ltd, Vidyut Bhawan Complex, Shimla, HP-171004
- 2. The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Sub-Division, HPSEB Ltd, Barotiwala, District Solan, HP-174103
- 3. Sr Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEB Ltd, Baddi, District Solan, HP-174103
   Respondents

### **Interim Order**

M/S Renny Steels, Village Kunjhal, PO Barotiwala, Tehsil Baddi, District Solan, HP-174103 have filed an application, received (through e-mail dated 05/06/2023) and registered on 06/06/2023, under provisions of Regulation 28 (1) (b) of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 against the orders passed by the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) at Kasumnpti on dated 09/05/2023 in Complaint No. 1453/1/23/10, dated 20/02/2023. Copy of the Complaint has also been sent by post on 05/06/2023 to the Respondents.

The Complainant have also filed an application under the provisions of Regulation 36 of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 and have prayed for stay orders directing the Respondents not to take any coercive action during the pendency of the matter with this Appellate Forum or for recovery of dues reflected as arrears in the energy bills issued to him.

Prayer granted. Under the powers drawn under provisions of Regulation 36 read with 33 (2) of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013, the Respondents are directed not to take any coercive action during the pendency of the matter with this Appellate Forum or for recovery of dues reflected as arrears in the energy bills issued to the Complainant.

The Complainant have also requested that in two cases, they have already deposited Rs 3,42,44,674/- and additionally Rs 5,00,000/- in CWP No. 2530/2017 on the directions of the Hon'ble HP High Court and said amount is more than 50% of the disputed amount in the Complaint, they do not require any further amount to be deposited as per directions of the Hon'ble HP High Court.

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Since the Forum below have not worked out any disputed amount between parties and the Complainant have already deposited Rs 3,42,44,674/- and additionally Rs 5,00,000/- in CWP No. 2530/2017 on the directions of the Hon'ble HP High Court, there is no requirement to further deposit any amount with the Respondent Board.

The Respondents are directed to file their reply <u>duly supported by attested affidavit</u> on or before 19/06/2023 positively. The Complainant may file his rejoinder on or before 26/06/2023. Separate Interim Order shall be issued for fixing the hearing dates.

Given under my hand and seal of this office.

No. HPEO/(Case No. 14/2023)/2022-23- 12-6/-64

Electricity Ombudsman

Dated: 06/06/2023