

## The Karnataka State Co-op. Apex Bank Ltd.

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On Account of KUMARA SWAMY H D

A/2016

For The Karnataka State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

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ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್) ಪ್ರ. ಕಾ. ಮತ್ತು ಪಾ. ಘಟಕ-1 ಎಸ್-14, ಬೆಸ್ತಾ, ಜಿ.ಪಿ. ನಗರ, 2ನೇ ಹಂತ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 540 978 To,

The Asst. Executive Engineer (Ele.) Bescom Vigilance police station, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

Sir.

SUBJECT: Payment (under pretest) for the demand vide CR No:325/2023 dated 14.11.2023 raised by BESCOM vigilance, Jayanagar Police Station.

In view of the Deepavali festival, my staff had hired an electrical contractor for decorating my house building for purpose of illumination, in view of the fact that the Deepavali Festival is a festival of lights.

The electrical contractor, for testing purpose, had drawn a wire and connected it directly to the electric pole opposite to my house. The said video recorded by a third party was shown in the electronic media. Immediately after coming to know the same, I informed my staff to disconnect the wire from the electric pole. I was not at home when in JP Nagar when this illumination work was being carried out or was being tested and that I was in my house at Bidadi, Ramanagara District.

The electrician has worked out of his own will independence, without my knowledge. Be that as it may, without prejudice to my rights available in law, I have communicated information to the electronic media that I was unaware of the incident and I am always ready and willing to abide by the laws by paying necessary fine/penalty for the irregularity of the electrical contractor at my residence in JP Nagar.

I had also invited the BESCOM authorities to inspect, carry out an inspection and decide on the fine/penalty amount, which I had to pay for the mischief committed by the electrical contractor.

Therefore, BESCOM authorities of the rank of Deputy Superintendent, Executive Engineer of Vigilance department and AEE & AE, S14Sub Division along with some lineman inspected the premises and during the time of inspection, it was noted that the connection of the decorative illumination on my residential building was set on my metered connection and not at the electric pole outside my house building.

On 15.11.2023, I have received a bill which is stating that I have to make a payment of ₹ 68,656/-. As per the contents of the bill sent to me, I have observed that the AEE, Vigilance has assessed the load as

- Fixed charges: 3kW X Rs.110=₹ 990/-,
- ≥ 2.54kW for 7days at 4units per day amounting to 71units/ ₹ 1491 with 3 times penalty,
- > E.Tax = ₹ 45/-,
- ➤ Totalling ₹ 2526/- and
- Compounding amount of Rs.66,000/- (33kw X Rs2000/-)
- > Grand Total: ₹ 68,526/-

The Serial Set Connections (illumination) assessed load can be made to less than 1kW only as the serial set(s) consume very less power.

Taking 1kW into account for calculation purposes, the Assessed Load should have been in the following manner:

- Fixed charges: 1kW X Rs.110=₹ 110/-
- 1kW for 4 units for one day= Rs.4 Units/ ₹84/-
- ❖ Electricity Tax @3 Times Penalty= ₹ 7.6/-
- \* Totalling= ₹ 201.6/-
- Compounding Amount of ₹ 2000 for 1KW
- Grand Total : ₹ 2201.6/-

The F.I.R, which is registered against me is flawed with defects, as the Complainant being AEE, S14 Sub-Division, BESCOM, has stated in the complaint that he has personally seen the theft taking place, but the true fact is that the complainant himself made it clear, when he met me in person that

he has come here to inspect the residential building after seeing the video in the electronic and social media.

In the face of an unjust and excessive demand for payment to be made, it is my right as consumer to voice my concern and protest against such practices. The issue at hand revolves around the billing process carried out by the vigilance department of BESCOM (Bangalore Electricity Supply Company). Many consumers have been subjected to exorbitant bills, leaving them feeling frustrated and burdened.

I, being an honest consumer, have myself offered that I am ready to pay the penalty fine/penalty for the ignorance of the electrical contractor, but I am surprised as to how an assessment can be drawn as to how a serial set can draw 2.54 kws as assessed and that the compounding has been made on my metered connection in its entirety and not on the alleged theft. I am well within my rights to use the electricity for bonafide use as per KERC Traiff Order 2023 which allows *Use of power within the Consumer premises for bonafide temporary purpose is permitted, subject to the conditions that, total load of the installation on the system does not exceed the sanctioned load.* 

My sanctioned load is 33kw and I have never crossed the load which can be confirmed in the previous bills.

However, it is important to note that I am not advocating for non-payment or evasion of bills. Instead, I am highlighting the need for a fair and transparent billing system that accurately reflects our consumption patterns. By protesting the excess bill generated by Vigilance, BESCOM, I aim to bring attention to this issue and seek a resolution that benefits both consumers and the utility company.

In Conclusion, I am of the opinion that this is a Political Witch-hunt against me for the series of tweets and press meets conducted by me in connection to mismanagement of Power Sources against the present Government which is run by a rival party headed by my arch rivals and also

the head of the states-CM/DCM, who have given statements to the electronic media that I have committed a theft of electricity and in continuation to their statements in press and electronic media, and one of the officer has broken the official rules and has given a press statement without the permission of the Board. This Act displays that officers were influenced to act as per instructions of their Political Heads to tarnish my name for an act committed by the electrical contractor.

In View of the above scenario, I request you to act transparently and bill as per actual load of the serial set connection (illumination) for the said day and not bill excessively as per instructions passed by your political heads. However, without prejudice to the rights available in law, I am⁻paying the entire demand raised by you dated 14.11.2023 raised by BESCOM vigilance, Jayanagar Police Station, amounting to ₹ 68,656/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Six only) by way of Demand Draft No. 544488 Dated 16 11 Paraway Branch.

I request you to re-calculate and furnish me a revised bill, I also request you to send me a Mahazar Report. In case you revise the bill, in accordance with the load actually consumed, I request you to adjust the excess payment made by me to my future bills.

I request you to carry out the needful, in accordance with law, at the earliest point in time.

(H.D. KUMARA SWAMY)
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