

HARYANA RIGHT TO SERVICE COMMISSION
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Suo-moto Notice

To

Smt. Umita,
The then CA(OP) Sub Division (Electricity)- New Colony, Gurugram
(now CA(OP) S/Divn. CCC IDC, Gurugram)

1. The Haryana Right to Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) has been constituted under Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act') to ensure delivery of notified services within notified timelines. These services have been notified by publication in the Official Gazette by the State Government under Section 3 of the Act.
2. The Section 17 of Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014 reads as under:
 - i) take *suo-moto* notice of failure to deliver service in accordance with this Act and refer such cases for decision to the First Grievance Redressal Authority or the Second Grievance Redressal Authority or pass such order, as may be appropriate;
 - ii) carry out inspections of offices entrusted with the delivery of services and the offices of the First Grievance Redressal Authority and the Second Grievance Redressal Authority;
 - iii) recommend Departmental action against any officer or employee of the State Government, who has failed in due discharge of functions cast upon him under this Act;
 - iv) recommend changes in procedures and process re-engineering for delivery of services which may make the delivery more transparent and earlier;

Provided that before making such a recommendation, the Commission shall consult the Administrative Secretary in-charge of the Department which is to deliver the service;

- v) recommend additional services to be notified under section 3 and may also suggest modification in the notifications already issued for better implementation of this Act;
- vi) issue general instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act for the guidance of Designated Officers, the First Grievance Redressal Authority and the Second Grievance Redressal Authority;
- vii) impose penalty on Designated Officer or any other official involved in the process of providing such service up to a sum of twenty thousand rupees, as deemed fit under the circumstances of the case and allow compensation up to five thousand rupees, to be paid to eligible person by defaulter;

viii) Where the Commission is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to inquire into a matter arising out of the provisions of this Act, it may, *suo-moto*, initiate an inquiry in respect thereof. The Commission shall, while inquiring into any matter under this section, have the same powers as are vested in a Civil Court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters, namely: -

- i) summoning the parties;
- ii) receiving oral evidence on oath or written evidence on affidavits;
- iii) requiring the discovery and inspection of documents;
- iv) requisitioning of any public record from any office;
- v) obtaining copies of record from any court in accordance with law;
- vi) issuing summons for examination of witnesses or documents; and
- vii) any other matter, which may be prescribed.

3. Sh. Kulbhushan Sharma had submitted a complaint with DHBVN in June, 2022 informing that one of his complaints from May was still pending, a previous payment had not been adjusted and that an unusually high bill of Rs.85,443 had been generated. The complaint was eventually closed slightly outside RTS timeline by the Designated Officer- Commercial Assistant, New Colony sub division- stating- 'Site verification completed and bill rectified as soon as possible'. An appeal over AAS (Auto Appeal System) was raised with the FGRA, SDO-New Colony. While no action was taken on the appeal by the FGRA, when the appeal was escalated to the SGRA- XEN, City Division, Gurugram, it was closed without resolution, simply

