

Procedure for Consumer Grievance Redressal as per MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020 notified on 21st September 2020

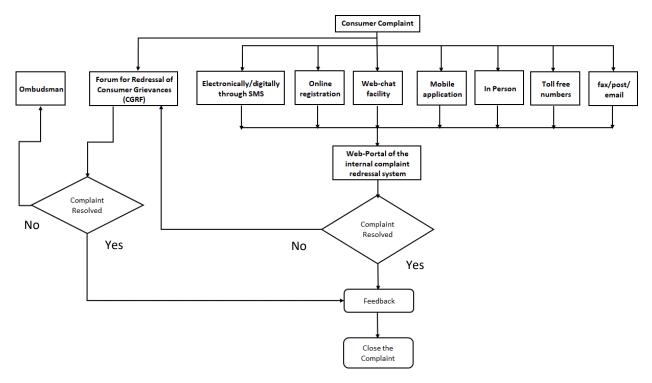
A. The objective of these Regulations:

MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020 notified on 21st September 2020 inter alia provides guidelines to the Distribution Licensees in the State of Maharashtra for establishing Forum(s) for Redressal of Grievances of consumers. The objective of this regulation is to protect the interest of consumers, inform consumers of their rights, to facilitate and expedite the redressal of Grievances and ensure that consumers can also have a remedy in the event of failure or delay on the part of the Distribution Licensee in redressing their complaints. To address these objectives, in accordance with this regulation, The Tata Power Company Limited – Distribution Business (herein after referred to as "Tata Power-D" has established a Forum for redressal of consumer grievance.

B. The assistance available from the Forum:

As specified in the MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020, Tata Power-D has established a web portal for resolution of consumer's complaints and a Forum for Consumers Grievance Redressal system. The detailed flowchart of the redressal mechanism is as follows -





As a part of internal complaint redressal system Tata Power-D has developed a web -based portal whereby consumers can register their complaints through following ways –

- I. electronically/digitally through SMS,
- II. online registration,
- III. web-chat facility and
- IV. mobile application.
- V. In person or through his duly authorized representative at the nearest complaint receiving Centre.
- VI. Through post/email or fax
- VII. Through toll free numbers

The complaints registered in person, through toll free telephone numbers, post/email or fax will be integrated by complaint handling system through consumer call centers.



C. The introduction to newly developed web-based system of Tata Power-D is as below -

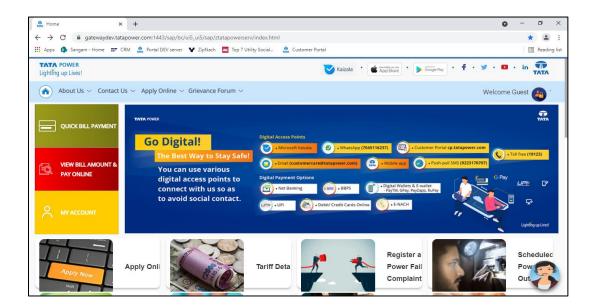
The newly developed web-based portal is in line with MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020

 The web- based portal of Tata Power-D for registering the complaint with the internal complaint redressal system of distribution licensee or CGRF will be accessible for consumers through Home page of Tata Power's customer portal on the following link –

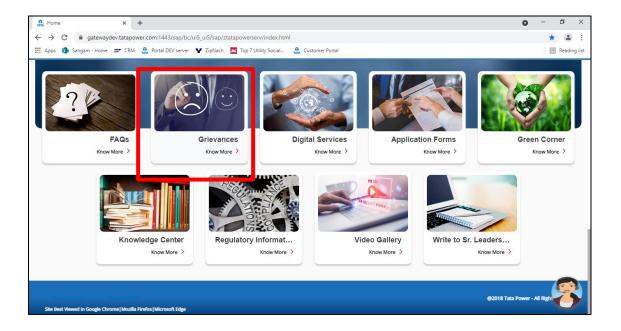
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2) On the home page of Customer Portal, consumer has to scroll down and click on Grievances tab on Home page, which will be directed to the 'Grievances' page. The screenshot and link for grievance screen is as below—

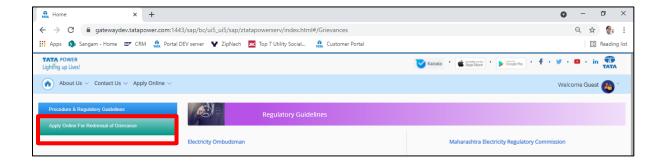
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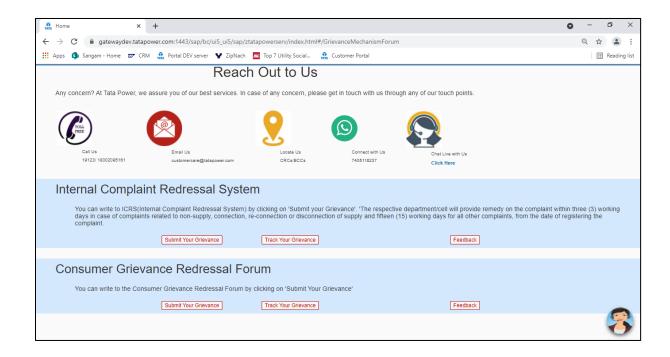


- 3) Under the 'Grievances' consumer will be able to see following four headings
 - a) Procedure and Regulatory Guidelines.
 - b) Apply online for Redressal of Grievance.
- 4) For registering the complaint online, the consumer has to click on 'Apply Online For Redressal of Grievance'



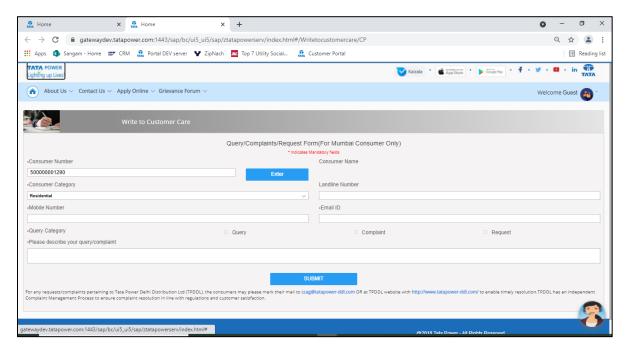


5) In the next screen, for registering the complaints the consumer will be able to see all touch points such as toll free number, email address, Customer Relation Center (CRC) & Bill Collection Center (BCC), whatsapp chat facility, web chat facility, Internal complaint redressal system (ICRS) & Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF) etc. The screenshot of the same is as shown below:

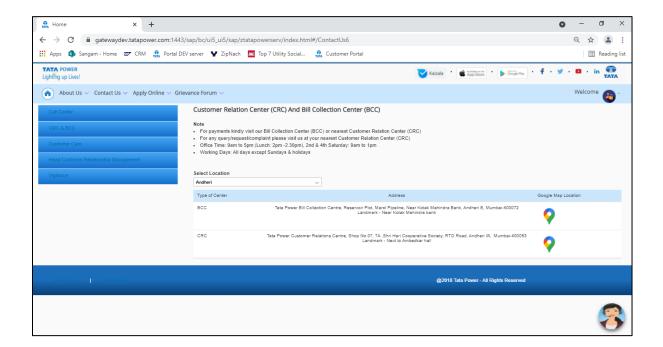


6) Clicking on Email Us will open 'Write to Customer Care' page as shown below —



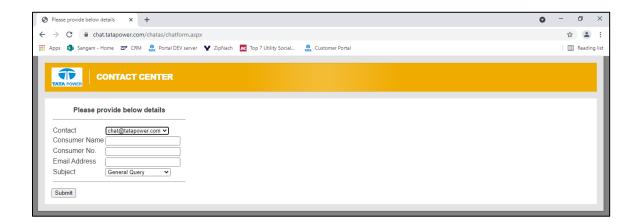


7) Clicking on Locate Us will open 'Customer Relation Center (CRC) And Bill Collection Center (BCC)'screen, as shown below –



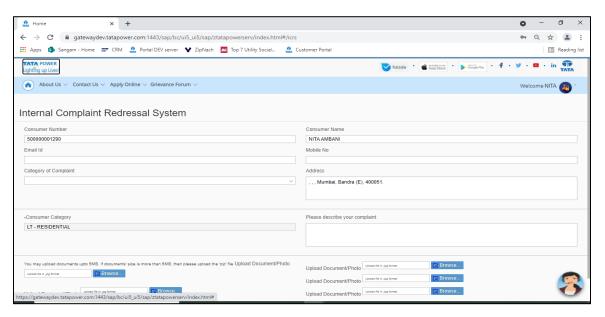


8) Clicking on 'Chat Live with us' will open 'live webchat' screen as shown below –



- Complaint Registration at Internal Complaint Redressal System (ICRS) –
- 9) The consumer can register the complaint through web-based portal under Internal Complaint Redressal System (ICRS) as specified in the aforesaid regulation.
- 10) For registering the complaint through this system, the consumer has to create their own login wherein they can lodge multiple complaints and keep a track of all individual complaints till the complaint is resolved. The screenshot of the ICRS where consumer will be submitting the Grievance is as shown below –





- 11) ICRS form will auto-populate some of the fields as per the respective Consumer Account details maintained in Tata Power-D's system:
 - i. Consumer Number
 - ii. Consumer Name
 - iii. Address
 - iv. Consumer Category
 - v. Name of Distribution Licensee

Further, the consumer must duly fill the following details-

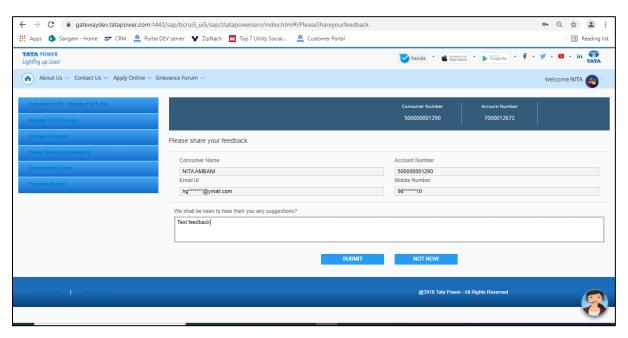
- i. <u>Email address</u> free text will be provided
- ii. <u>Mobile number</u> free text will be provided, validation of 10 nos. numeric characters
- iii. Category of complaint Drop down will be provided to choose from
- iv. Particulars of Connection drop down will be given 'Direct/ Welcome'
- v. <u>Details of complaint</u> free text will be provided



- vi. <u>Upload Documents/ Photo</u> (5 documents can be uploaded & if more than 5, then a zip folder can be uploaded)
- vi. Consent to receiving notice/ alert/ complaint status on email & mobile
- 12) After registering the complaint through web-based Internal Complaint Redressal System (ICRS), the acknowledgement of the receipt of the Grievance will be auto-generated with serial number and date at the time of submission and the same will be sent on registered email address of the consumer.
- 13) The complaint will get automatically assigned to the respective department/cell and they will provide remedy on the complaint within three (3) working days in case of complaints related to non-supply, connection, re-connection or disconnection of supply and fifteen (15) working days for all other complaints, from the date of registering the complaint.
- 14) The concerned officer shall take necessary action on the complaint and update the status on the portal. The consumer can track their complaint filed through the tab 'Track Your Grievances'
- 15) The portal has the facility to provide the feedback, where consumer can register their feedback based on the service provided. The screen for providing the feedback is as follows

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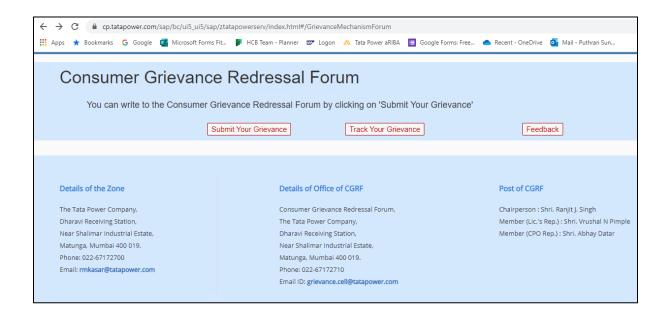


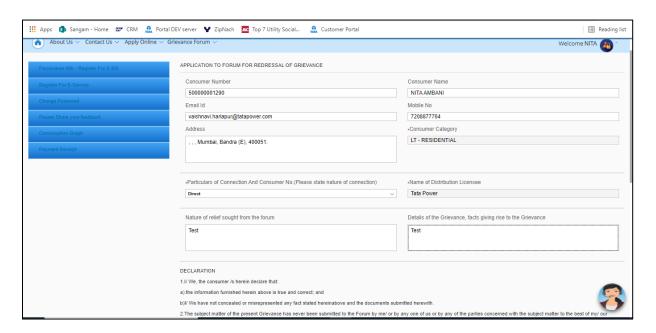
- Complaint Registration at Forum for Redressal of Consumer
 Grievances (CGRF) –
- 16) The Hon'ble Commission has directed that the consumer may approach the Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF) in case the complaint is closed on the web based portal of ICRS without the consent or satisfaction of the Complainant or after expiry of 3 days (for complaints related to non-supply, connection, re-connection or disconnection of supply) or 15 days (for all other complaints) from the date of registration of complaint, whichever is earlier.
- 17) The consumer may also directly approach the Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF), even if no complaint has been registered on the web portal.
- 18) The consumer should submit the Grievance as per the prescribed format in **Schedule A** of the Regulations. The same is available on the website of Tata Power-D in the downloadable format. The link for the same is provided below –

https://cp.tatapower.com/sap/bc/ui5_ui5/sap/ztatapowerserv/index.html#/Grievances

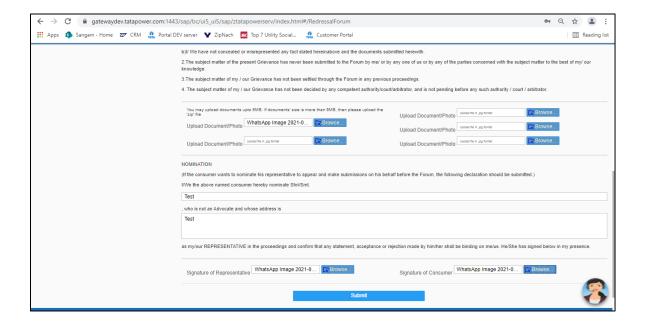
19) Additionally, the separate tab is provided for consumers to register the complaint in the Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF). After login the consumer will have to fill the details as per the following screen –











- 20) The CGRF form will auto-populate some of the fields as per the respective Consumer Account details maintained in Tata Power-D's system:
 - i. Consumer Name
 - ii. Consumer Number
 - iii. Address
 - iv. Consumer Category
 - v. Name of Distribution Licensee

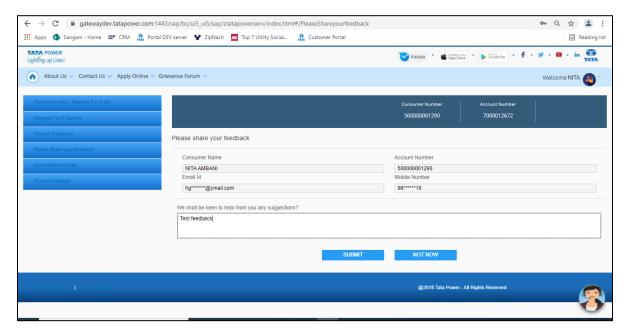
Further, the consumer must duly fill the details in the following -

- i. Particulars of Connection drop down will be given 'Direct/ Welcome'
- ii. <u>Details of the Grievance, facts giving rise to the grievance</u>: Free text will be provided
- iii. Nature of relief sought from the forum: Free text will be provided
- iv. <u>List of Documents enclosed</u> (5 documents can be uploaded & if more than 5, then a zip folder can be uploaded)



- v. <u>Declaration (as mentioned in the form shared)</u>, option for signature to be uploaded digitally (below which Consumer' name as in the system to be displayed)
- vi. <u>Nomination</u> Declaration will be given, here option for 2 signatures (one of representative & another of the consumer again) to be uploaded digitally, will be given.
- 21) After submission of the Grievance as above, the following actions will be triggered:
 - a) Acknowledgement will be sent on the registered email address of the consumer as mentioned in the form
 - b) Intimation will be sent to consumergrievance@tatapower.com
 - c) Interaction record will be created in Tata Power-D's Customer Relationship Management system (CRM) capturing all details mentioned by the consumer in the online form along with attachments.
 - d) Tracking of all individual complaints will be available on the web portal, where the consumer will be able to track the status of all his complaints for previous 12 months.
- 22) The portal has the facility to provide the feedback, where consumer can submit their feedback based on the service / resolution provided on the complaint. The screen for providing the feedback is as follows –





- 23) The Forum shall pass appropriate Order within fifteen (15) working days of filing of the Grievance (for Grievance related to non-supply, connection, reconnection or disconnection of supply) and within sixty (60) days of filing of the Grievance (for all other Grievances)
- 24) In accordance with the Regulation 10 of the MERC (CGRF & EO) Regulations, 2020, any person aggrieved by an order of the Forum, including the Distribution Licensee, may apply for a review of such Order within thirty (30) days of the date of the order to the same Forum. (Refer Regulation 10 for details)



Complaint Registration at Electricity Ombudsman –

- 25) Any consumer, who is aggrieved by the non-redressal of his Grievance by the Forum, may, either directly or through his duly authorised representative, make a representation for redressal of his Grievance to the Electricity Ombudsman within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order of the Forum (CGRF).
- 26) The representation may be submitted either in person or through post, email or fax or on the web-based portal of the Electricity Ombudsman.
- 27) The representation to be made before the Electricity Ombudsman shall be in writing in the form specified and set out in **Schedule B** of these Regulations and duly signed by the consumer. Link for downloading the Schedule B is provided below:

 https://cp.tatapower.com/sap/bc/ui5_ui5/sap/ztatapowerserv/index.html#/Grievances
- 28) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Electricity Ombudsman, including the Distribution Licensee, may apply for a review of such order within thirty (30) days of the date of the order to the Electricity Ombudsman (Refer Regulation 22 for details)

Prioritization of Grievances –

- 29) In accordance with MERC (CGRF & EO) Regulations, 2020, the Grievances shall be prioritized for redressal based on the following priority order:
 - a) Non-Supply;
 - b) Disconnection of supply;
 - c) New Connection;



- d) Meter-related issues;
- e) Billing-related issues;
- f) Other issues:
- Complaint Types & Redressal Time as specified in MERC (CGRF & EO) Regulations, 2020 -
- 30) The redressal time as per the type of complaint and forum of redressal of the complaint, from its date of registration, as specified in the MERC (CGRF & EO) Regulations, 2020 is as below –

Sr. No.	System	Type of complaint	Responsibility	Redressal Time
1	Internal Complaint Redressal System (ICRS)	New Connection	Respective department/cell of DL	03 Working Days
		No Supply		03 Working Days
		Disconnection/Reconnection of supply		03 Working Days
		Billing related		15 Working Days
		Other types		15 Working Days
2	Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF)	New Connection	Nodal Officer Reply Submission	05 Working Days
		No Supply		05 Working Days
		Disconnection/Reconnection of supply		05 Working Days
		Billing related		15 Working Days+7Days Extn
		Other types		15 Working Days+7Days Extn
3	Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF) for passing the appropriate order	New Connection	Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances (CGRF)	15 Working Days
		No Supply		15 Working Days
		Disconnection/Reconnection of supply		15 Working Days
		Billing related		60 Working Days
		Other types		60 Working Days
4	Electricity Ombudsman	New Connection	Electricity Ombudsman	15 Working Days
		No Supply		15 Working Days
		Disconnection/Reconnection of supply		15 Working Days
		Billing related		60 Working Days
		Other types		60 Working Days