

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
FOR THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES
GURGAON**

Quorum
Shri M.K. Goel, Chairperson
Smt. Neerja Mathur, Member

**Suo Moto Petition No. 77/2012
Date of Hearing 24.05.2017
Date of Order: 23.06.2017**

In the matter of:

Status of Consumer Metering and Billing (category wise) as per Regulation 8 of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2010.

And in the matter of:

- 1) Secretary (Power), State of Goa
- 2) Secretary (Power), UT of Andaman & Nicobar
- 3) Secretary (Power), UT of Chandigarh
- 4) Secretary (Power), UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- 5) Secretary (Power), UT of Daman & Diu
- 6) Secretary (Power), UT of Lakshadweep
- 7) Secretary (Power), UT of Puducherry

..... Respondents

Present

For the Respondent

1. Shri Yogesh Tiwari, Assistant Engineer, Electricity Department, Andaman & Nicobar
2. Shri Rohit Kumar Sekhri, Executive Engineer, Electricity Department, Chandigarh
3. Shri Dinesh Solanki, Junior Engineer, Electricity Department, Daman & Diu
4. Shri Yunus A. Patel, Executive Engineer, Electricity Department, Dadra & Nagar Haveli
5. Shri D. Stephen Josebh, Executive Engineer, Electricity Department, Puducherry.

ORDER

The Commission, in exercise of the Powers conferred under Section 43, 46, 50, 56 & 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 notified the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as "JERC Supply Code Regulations"). The Commission, in due course of time observed that the licensees are not complying with Regulation 8 of the JERC Supply Code Regulations on Metering and Billing. Therefore, the Commission took Suo Moto cognizance and commenced the proceedings in suo moto Petition No. 77/2012 on Status of Metering and Billing, category wise.

Accordingly, the Commission issued notices for hearing this Petition on 24.05.2017 along with the directions to submit the status report on the above for the FY 2016-17.

1. Electricity Department, Goa: Respondent No. 1

The Commission took serious note of the absence of any representative of ED, Goa and the non submission of the status report and accordingly directs ED, Goa to submit its detailed and complete report on metering and billing as on 31.03.2017 in the prescribed profoma on an affidavit within two weeks.

2. Electricity Department, Andaman and Nicobar Island: Respondent No. 2

The Representative of the Respondent No. 2 has sought ten days time to file its report. The Commission has accepted the request and directs the Respondent No. 2 to submit its detailed and complete report on metering and billing as on 31.03.2017 on an affidavit within two weeks.

3. Electricity Department, Chandigarh : Respondent No. 3

The Representative of the Respondent No. 3 informed that all consumers are metered and there is no consumer who is supplied energy without a meter. They have about 5500 defective meters which need replacement. The Commission directs the Respondent No. 3 to submit the latest status as on 31.03.2017 on an affidavit within two weeks.

4. DNH Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Respondent No. 4

The Representative of the Respondent No. 4 submitted the details of Billing and Metering as on 31.03.2017. The Commission observed that the number of defective meters given in Annexure 'A' of the report do not match with the figures given in the Annexure 'B'. Further, the road map submitted for replacement of meters is not clear as no clear schedule for replacement of defective mechanical electronic / working mechanical meters has been given. Thus it appears no action has been taken to meter the unmetered connection during the last two years.

The Commission directs the Respondent No. 4 to achieve 100% Metering and Billing and submit its detailed and complete report on metering and billing as on 31.03.2017 on an affidavit within two weeks. The Commission also directs the Respondent No. 4 to reconcile the figures / number of defective meters given in Annexure 'A' with the figures given in Annexure 'B' and submit revised report on an affidavit within two weeks.

5. Electricity Department, Daman and Diu: Respondent No. 5

The Representative of the Respondent No. 5 submitted the details of Billing and Metering as on 31.03.2017. The Commission observed that no action plan for replacement of working mechanical meters has been submitted by the Respondent. The Commission directs the Respondent No. 5 to put up an action plan for replacement of working mechanical meters on an affidavit within two weeks.

6. Electricity Department, Lakshadweep: Respondent No. 6

The Commission took a serious note of the absence of any representative of ED, Lakshadweep and the non submission of the status report and accordingly directs, ED, Lakshadweep to submit its detailed and complete report on metering and billing as on 31.03.2017 in the prescribed proforma on an affidavit within two weeks.

7. Electricity Department, Puducherry: Respondent No. 7

The Representative of the Respondent No. 7 submitted the details of billing and metering as on 31.03.2017 and the action plan for replacement of defective / mechanical meters. It was submitted that the Respondent intends to replace about 1,96,905 meters during the FY 2017-18. The Commission observed that the number of defective meters given in Annexure 'A' do not match with the figures given in the Annexure 'B'.

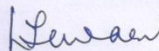
The Commission directs the Respondent No. 7 to achieve 100% Metering and Billing along with detailed action plan and to reconcile the figures / number of defective meters given in Annexure 'A' with the figures given in Annexure 'B' and submit a revised report on an affidavit within two weeks.

The next date of the hearing shall be intimated separately.

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(NEERJA MATHUR)
MEMBER

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(M.K.GOEL)
CHAIRPERSON

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