

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Suo-Motu Case No. **12** of **2011**

Shri **Mukhtiar Singh**, Chairperson
Shri **T. Munikrishnaiah**, Member

Dated: **16th July 2011**

ORDER

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1. The show-cause has been filed by the licensee-JSEB along with additional information on the issues under consideration. The detailed time-lines have been provided reflecting various milestones in establishing IT system connecting the Headquarters with the field offices. The IT system will include the mechanism, which will be used for energy auditing as well. The licensee-JSEB is directed to adhere to the time-lines by monitoring the programme at regular intervals and remove the bottlenecks in time, if any, because this project is a prestigious one and will help the licensee-JSEB in identifying the causes of the T&D losses and reducing the same by taking appropriate corrective measures. This will also help in establishing the IT system as a whole. The Commission has been informed that this project is only for 30 designated towns leaving majority of the consumers outside the project. The licensee-JSEB is directed to prepare another project for the remaining areas as well.

2. On the point of strengthening the Distribution and Transmission network, the licensee-JSEB has provided some additional information collected

from the field offices. The information includes checking up of loose spans, inspection of Distribution Transformers and Power Transformers, installation of additional Transformers, augmentation of Distribution Sub-Stations and construction of Power Sub-Stations. A perusal of the information shows that it does not reflect the details of the work done by the field functionaries. The information should have included regarding loose spans – name of the feeder, location of the loose spans, materials required for rectification (if any) and action taken for that. Likewise regarding Distribution Transformers, the information should contain - location, make, serial number, capacity, whether AB switch is provided or not, Horn Gap set is available or not, what is the size of the HG fuse (if the HG fuse set is available), whether Transformer oil is available up to optimal level, condition of bushing rods, whether Transformer body and neutral are properly earthed or not, what is the condition of the earth pits viz. whether the earthing is proper or not, Tong tester readings (phase & neutral current and phase & and line voltage) and how many LT Distribution circuits are emanating. (It is better to have more than one circuit, so that $I^2 R$ losses will be reduced). The Commission feels that the work of maintenance in the Distribution network is of utmost important and urgent to supply continuous and quality power to the consumers. Therefore, the Commission directs the licensee-JSEB to work out check-lists for each nature of work giving all the details so that the field staff does not have a chance to miss any item.

3. The show-cause also shows that there is acute shortage of power in Palamau and Santhal Paragana areas because of the non-availability of licensee-JSEB's own Transmission network. The Commission has written to the licensee-JSEB long back to have their Transmission network in the aforesaid two areas, because the said two areas are not only remote but most backward as well.

Access of electricity goes a long way in developing the under developed areas. The Commission notes that the licensee-JSEB is constructing the Transmission lines in the said areas and directs that the work should be completed on priority basis so that the people of these remote and backward areas may also have access to continuous and quality power. The licensee-JSEB is directed to inform the Commission on the next date as to by which date the licensee-JSEB is likely to complete the Transmission line, in question, in these two areas.

4. Regarding the availability of power in the next 5-6 years, the licensee-JSEB feels that they will have enough power to meet the increased demand. In the year 2010-11, the requirement of power is stated to be 900 MW excluding the DVC area which is likely to go up to 2200 MW by 2016-17. The Commission feels that the licensee-JSEB must keep in mind the likely increase in the number of consumers because of the implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna (RGGVY) and industrialization and as such must have a blue-print to meet the increase in demand. The Electricity Act 2003 provides that every applicant has to be provided electricity on demand and the licensee-JSEB must prepare itself to meet its obligations under the law.

5. About collection of huge pending dues, the Commission is informed that a sum of Rs. 1019.12 Crores is pending with the Government Departments – Rs.606 crores with State Government as on 31.10.2010, out of which the State Government is stated to have paid Rs.100 crores. The remaining 413.00 crores is pending with the various bodies of the Central Government including Railway, SAIL etc. The licensee-JSEB says that about Rs.190 crores is pending due to various cases lying subjudiced with the Hon'ble High Court. Further, Rs.219.51 crores is stated to be not available due to pendency of certificate cases. Taking together roughly the amount comes to Rs.1500 crores. It is a huge amount for

the licensee-JSEB and as directed earlier, the licensee-JSEB must make all out efforts to realize the pending dues. Proper monitoring of realization and pursuing the cases in right earnest with the various Courts can go a long way in reducing the pending dues. The Commission directs the licensee-JSEB to review all these cases on monthly basis.

6. Further, the licensee-JSEB has informed that as many as 65,821 consumer services were disconnected and the amount lies with those consumers is Rs.84.65 crores. The licensee-JSEB has also informed that out of 65,821 defaulted consumers, only few consumers have paid the arrears. It clearly shows that the officials of the licensee-JSEB are not physically disconnecting the defaulted consumers. The Commission hereby directs the licensee-JSEB to issue suitable instructions to its field officers to check up the disconnected services and if it is found not under disconnection, action may be taken on the concerned official. The licensee-JSEB is also directed to submit the details of amount realized and yet to be realized from the defaulted consumers as well as the action taken to realize the balance amount of arrears. These details must be submitted on the next date.

7. Simultaneously, the licensee-JSEB may consider evolving mechanism to motivate the field functionaries so that they put in their best; it can be in the form of appreciation for the good work.

8. In view of the above, the show-cause filed by the licensee-JSEB is accepted.

Post this case on **20.08.2011** at **11.30 AM** for further hearing.

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Chairperson