

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

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

Shri Mukhtiar Singh,
Chairperson
Shri T.Munikrishniah
Member (Engineering)

Dated: **21st January 2012**

ORDER

Counsel as Amicus Curie : None

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For the State Government : Shri Vinod Kumar Mishra
Dy. Secretary, Energy Deptt.

The following are issues which are being monitor by the Commission namely -

1. Progress of the Data Centre Building.
2. Purchase of DTR Meters.
3. Power situation and tripping in various districts.
4. Improvement of power supply in Dumka and Palamu region.
5. Pending dues of the Government and private Consumers.
6. The position of Transformers through out the State.
7. Forest clearance for transmission line to Palamu.

On Data Centre Building progress, the Superintending Engineer Shri R.J.Singh said that the building is completed up to lilten level. This was the position on the last date of hearing as well. It seems no further progress has been made.

On purchase of DTR Meters Shri Singh informed that some meters have come. How many, he was not able to tell. As per the time line given by the JSEB itself, 500 DTR Meters were supposed to be delivered to the JSEB by end of January. The Commission feels, that though the programme is very important because completion of this, will help in energy audit, but proper monitoring has to be done. The Licensee-JSEB is directed to submit a updated report on the aforesaid two issues and ensure that the time lines are adhere to. If the time lines are not adhere to, the Commission would like to know the reasons thereof.

The Licensee-JSEB has given the information on power situation in various district of Jharkhand. The Standard of Performance (SoP) mandates that the licensee has to supply continuous and quality power. But the information supplied by the licensee shows clearly that even in town areas there are 4 to 5 trippings every day, spreading over several hrs. The pattern is uniform and repeated every day and every month. The Commission directs that the licensee to find out the reasons of such trippings, analyze them and take corrective measures, so that the number of tripping is reduced to the bare minimum.

It was stated earlier that in Shebganj another transformer has been installed and there has been improvement in the power situation. But no data has been furnished to this effect. The licensee must furnish the relevant data on the next date of hearing to substantiate their claim on power supply in Shebganj district. Like wise, the progress on agreement with ECL needs to be brought on record. The issue is pending since long and should be sorted out earliest because this single step will go a long way in improving the power situation in the entire region of Santhal Pargana. What is the progress of procuring another transformer for Dumka needs to be brought on record.

The Commission was told by Shri Gaya Shukla, the official of JSEB that the licensee has submitted the final proposal for the forest clearance to the Forest Department, Govt. of India. But on 12.11.2011, the Commission was informed by another official Mr. B.S.Jha, that some issues are still to be sorted out. Finding that Shri Shukla's information was not correct, he has been shown cause who has filed the reply to the Show-Cause. Today, the officers of the JSEB said that No Objection Certificate from Deputy Commissioner of Loherdaga has been received and attempts are being made to get the NOC from the Deputy Commissioner of Latehar and there after the two NOC will be sent to the forest department for final stage clearance of the transmission line. This shows that the 2nd stage forest clearance proposal has not been submitted to the forest department in full and complete in all respect. To understand the present status, it is necessary that the Licensee-JSEB submit one copy of the

first stage clearance letter of the Environment & Forest Ministry, Govt. of India, steps taken by the Licensee-JSEB in compliance thereof so far and the issues still pending. These information should positively to be submitted by the Licensee-JSEB on the next date of hearing. Only after that, the reply of Shri Gaya Shukla will considered.

Shri Mishra, the Dy. Secretary, Energy informs the Commission that the Energy Department is pursuing the matter with various departments for clearance of pending electricity bills. The Commission has earlier suggested that it is advisable to organize a meeting on defaulting departments at the level of Chief Secretary so that the pending dues of the Government departments, which run into Crores, is sorted out at earliest and the Licensee-JSEB gets its legitimate dues.

Regarding private consumers, the Licensee-JSEB is expected to pursue, in right earnest, the issue in various courts and forums to ensure that the pending dues are recovered.

As far as the checking of distribution transformers is concerned the information submitted by the Licensee-JSEB shows that in Bundu Sub-Division 15 transformer were checked, 6 of them are found over loaded. Similarly in Tatisilwai Sub-Division out of 30 transformers 25 are found to be over loaded. No figures have been given for other areas of Jharkhand. The role of Distribution Transformers in continuous and quality power supply is well recognized. Unless the distribution transformers are check at regular intervals

and maintained properly it is difficult to supply power 24 X 7 rather the licensee also losses its revenue. So it is at most important that the distribution transformer of all the circle are thoroughly checked at regular intervals and corrective steps are taken. The Commission would like to know about the steps taken by the licensee.

This proceeding is going on since 09.09.2011. Several hearing have taken place. The experience shows that the Licensee-JSEB has to work out a standard agenda for its meetings with General Manager of Board area officers, so that the field functionaries come prepared and the licensee also get updated information and feedback at regular intervals on all the important issues.

Put up this case on **25.02.2012** at **11.30 AM** for further hearing.

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