

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Case No. 16 of 2007-08

Shri P.C. Verma, Member (Tech)

IN THE MATTER OF

Non-providing of electrical connection to the residents of village Odeydaru, Block & P.S. Sonahatu, District Ranchi (Jharkhand).

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Rohit Kumar Seth & others Complainants

Versus

Jharkhand State Electricity Board Opposite Party

For the complainants : Shri Ram Chandra Seth

For the Opposite Party : S/Shri Rajesh Shankar & Abhay Prakash
Advocates
Shri K.K. Verma, SEE, JSEB, Ranchi

ORDER
(02.08.2008)

Both the parties are present.

Heard.

This is a case in which the distribution licensee (JSEB) has not provided the electrical connection to the applicants/complainants despite of receiving security deposits from them.

The brief facts of the case are that the applicants of Village Odeydaru submitted petition that the Jharkhand State Electricity Board has received applications and security deposit and estimate cost for providing electrical connection from fifty-eight (58) villagers in the year 2004 itself but the licensee JSEB has failed to provide them with the connection within specified period as per the provisions of the Act, even after lapse of more four years. On receipt of the

complaint from the applicants the Commission issued notice dated 7.5.2008 followed by a show-cause dated 26.5.2008 to the distribution licensee (JSEB) in the matter. The distribution licensee (JSEB) appeared and filed reply stating, inter-alia, that the village Odeydaru will be electrified by NTPC under RGGVY programme and the name of the said village is included in the DPR of the NTPC. After hearing the parties and on receipt of the reply from the distribution licensee (JSEB), notices to DGM (NESCL), NTPC, Ranchi were issued on 6.6.2008 and 28.6.2008 directing him to appear in person for making submission with all the relevant records and to file an affidavit stating specifically by which date the NTPC shall electrify the village Odeydaru, Block & P.S.-Sonahatu, District Ranchi. But neither the DGM (NESCL), NTPC, Ranchi appeared nor any affidavit has been filed on behalf of NTPC.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above the DGM (NESCL), NTPC, Ranchi was given one more chance to appear and file affidavit stating the plan and up-to-date progress of electrifying the villages allotted to NTPC in the State of Jharkhand, specifically the date by which they shall electrify the village Odeydaru, Block & P.S. Sonahatu, District Ranchi (Jharkhand), and the case was adjourned for hearing on 19.7.2008 awaiting reply of show-cause by NTPC.

On 19.07.2008 Shri S. Chakraborty, DGM, appeared and submitted on behalf of the NTPC that the scheme of the electrification of villages in the districts of Jharkhand allotted to NTPC has been sanctioned on 11.03.2008 only. He further contended that the initial processing for awarding the work to its agencies for carrying out electrification is completed and the same, as per the procedure, has been communicated to REC/Ministry of Power on 26.06.2008 for final approval and release of fund. The final approval and release of fund is expected by the end of the month after which the work order for carrying out the work will be issued to the agencies and the work will be completed within 18 months thereafter. He further contended that, the village Odeydaru Census Code No.02467100, Block Sonahatu in question is included in the DPR and the electrification of the applicant's village will be carried out under the scheme.

After hearing both the parties it was directed that top priority shall be given to the electrification of the villages and Tolas from where application for electrical connection along with security deposit has already been received. The JSEB was directed to provide a complete list of the applicants from whom security deposit has been received village-wise and block-wise to NTPC of the concerned districts within a week. It was further directed that in case of the village Odeydaru, Block Sonahatu in question the NTPC was directed to provide a specific timeframe in which they will electrify the said village. The distribution licensee-JSEB will thereafter submit the timeframe in which they will provide electrical connection to the Commission. The case was fixed for hearing today.

Today though the officers of the distribution licensee-JSEB were present but sought one week's time to provide a complete list of the applicants from whom security deposit has been received village-wise and block-wise to NTPC of the concerned districts.

In view of the prayer made on behalf of the distribution licensee-JSEB, one week's time is granted to the distribution licensee-JSEB to provide a complete list of the applicants from whom security deposit has been received village-wise and block-wise to NTPC of the concerned districts. Further it is directed that the NTPC will give to the Commission within 15 days a specific timeframe by which they will electrify the said village Odeydaru of Sonahatu Block in the district of Ranchi.

Accordingly the application is disposed off.

Sd/-
(P.C. Verma)
Member (Tech)