

**IN THE JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT
RANCHI**

Case No. 25 of 2023

Aadhar Rice Mill Pvt Ltd **Petitioner**

Versus

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited and Ors. **Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE MR. AMITAV KUMAR GUPTA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. MAHENDRA PRASAD, MEMBER (LAW)
HON'BLE MR. ATUL KUMAR, MEMBER (TECHNICAL)**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Navin Kumar and Ms. Sweta Kumari, Advocates

For the Respondent : Mr. Sachin Kumar and Mr. Sirjan, Advocates

Date – 20th December, 2023

1. The Petitioner - Aadhar Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. has filed the instant petition under clause 4.7 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015 for allowing it to take service H.T. connection from the respondent-JBVNL at supply voltage of 33kV having 600kVA contract demand.
2. The petitioner has prayed for the following relief :
 - (a) For a direction upon the respondent- JBVNL to grant service H.T. connection, to the petitioner, at supply voltage of 33kV with a contract demand of 600 kVA.
 - (b) To grant any other relief or reliefs as the Hon'ble Commission deems fit and proper in the interest of the justice.
3. It was submitted that the petitioner's company is registered under the Companies Act, 1956, and is involved in the processing of raw rice and other related items and the unit is beneficial to the farming community of the locality as its labour-intensive work has been generating manifold employment and contributing to the overall economic development of the rural area. It is stated that the lack of a quality power connection is causing hindrance for the proper functioning of the company, resulting in lower production of raw rice.
4. It was submitted that the petitioner has submitted the necessary documents and applied for a service High Tension (H.T.) connection and accordingly 350kVA connection was sanctioned which was subsequently increased to 600kVA on 11 kV supply under HTS tariff. It is stated that thereafter on 27.02.2012, petitioner signed HT agreement with the erstwhile Jharkhand State Electricity Board now Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited for 600 kVA and the petitioner's unit is consuming and regularly paying electricity bills to the respondent – JBVNL and there is no outstanding dues at present.
5. It was contended that due to fluctuating voltage and erratic power supply in the area. The petitioner is suffering great financial loss in running the unit. Therefore, considering that 33kV transmission line is crossing near to the petitioner unit. Accordingly on 22.06.2023 the petitioner applied for change of supply from 11kV to 33kV to the respondent which was rejected on the ground that as per clause 4.3 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015 there is no provision of giving 33kV line supply for load below 1500 kVA.
6. It is stated that after successful project implementation, the petitioner expects the contract demand to reach or exceed 1500 kVA in the coming 1 or 2 years.
7. It was submitted by the petitioner that 33kV line of JBVNL is crossing near the gate of the project site of the petitioner's company as such no extra capital

investment is required to be made by JBVNL and the technical condition of the respondent – JBVNL is perfectly alright to allow supply at 33kV voltage with a contract demand of 600 kVA.

8. The respondents have stated that the distance of the petitioner's plant from the nearest existing 33 kV line i.e. Chandil PSS is 5.5Kms (approx) and the consumer may be allowed to take power from Chandil PSS at 33kV dedicated line at his own cost.
9. The petitioner has consented and admitted that he shall not claim any voltage rebate for availing supply of power at 33 kV with a contract demand of 600kVA.

Considering the submission of the parties it is hereby ordered as under:

ORDER

10. The prayer of the petitioner is allowed. The respondent may allow H.T. connection service to the petitioner at supply voltage of 33kV with a contract demand of 600 kVA after ensuring proper arrangement of metering, billing and network system protection.
11. It is clarified as admitted by the petitioner that the petitioner will not avail voltage rebate corresponding to 33 kV voltage level as per the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015.
12. In the result, the petition is disposed of in terms of the observation made in the above order.

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Chairperson