

IN THE JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT RANCHI

Case No. 07 of 2025

Jharkhand Rai UniversityPetitioner

Versus

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited & Ors.....Respondents

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

For the Petitioner : Mr. Dhananjay Kr. Pathak and Mr. Harsh Chandra,
Advocates

For the Respondent : Mr. Manoj Kumar, Sr. Standing Counsel and Mr.
Rakesh Kumar Roy, Advocate.

Date – 17th October, 2025

1. The instant petition has been filed by the Petitioner- Jharkhand Rai University, under clause 4.7 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015 seeking approval to allow the petitioner to avail power supply at supply voltage of 33KV on its existing contract load of 250 KVA under H.T.S. category from Respondent-JBVNL.
2. The Petitioner in its petition has made following prayers:
 - i) For availing power supply at Supply Voltage of 33KV on its existing contract load of 250 KVA under H.T.S. category from JBVNL which has been rejected vide letter dated 29.03.2025 by the Respondent-JBVNL taking plea of clause 4.3 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015.
 - ii) For grant of any appropriate other reliefs deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the instant case.

The factual matrix of the case as submitted by the parties may be appreciated in the following manner:

Submission of the Petitioner

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that Petitioner is a University is imparting education to the young students of Jharkhand particularly to the Students residing nearby and is also very much beneficial for local community by & large and in turn the University is generating manifold employment indirectly and which will lead to overall economic development of Rural Areas and in absence of Quality Power connection, the petitioner

University will be unable to function properly which will result into deterioration of quality education to the students in proper environment.

4. It was submitted that the petitioner University is having proper Electricity Connection from Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (hereinafter referred as JBVNL) having contract demand of 250 KVA in the C.S. Urban category of tariff order issued by JSERC at Supply Voltage of 11 KV and the Petitioner University is regularly paying its all Electricity Bills to JBVNL and there is no pending bill against the said connection/consumer no. RP12304 running in the name of Petitioner University.
5. Learned Counsel further pointed out that the Petitioner University is located in the remote area of the Ranchi district and supply of electricity through 11 KV supply line is very much irregular and there is absence of quality power in the locality and because of the said reasons students are facing problems in pursuing their education in the University campus which is resulting in loss of time and money. Therefore, the Management of the University decided to avail Electric Supply at Voltage of 33 KV from JBVNL and accordingly an application was submitted in the office of the JBVNL with all relevant documents on 11.03.2025 by the Registrar of the Petitioner - University namely Piyush Ranjan.
6. It was further stated that after submission of application dated 11.03.2025 in the office of the Respondent JBVNL for grant of Supply of Electricity at Power Voltage of 33KV on the contract demand of 250 KVA, the Assistant Electrical Engineer, Electric Supply sub- division, Tati-Silwai, Ranchi, vide his Letter dated 29.03.2025 informed the Petitioner University that as per clause 4.3 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation, 2015, Power Supply at 33 KV can only be given for contract Load exceeding 1500 KVA and upto 10000 KVA whereas the Petitioner's contract load is 250 KVA only therefore his application has been rejected.
7. It was apprised that the Petitioner University will day by day increase its academic activities and after sometime the contract demand will certainly increase in 1 or 2 yrs up to 1500KVA or more.
8. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submitted that 33KV line of JBVNL is crossing near to the gate of the petitioner University and therefore no extra capital investment requires to be made by JBVNL and also the petitioner University is ready to bear the installation cost for getting power under 33 KV.

9. Learned Counsel submitted that the Petitioner-university has critical laboratory Equipment, all of which require uninterrupted quality power supply on a 24x7 basis which will not be possible with the existing electrical connection.
10. It was undertaken that the Petitioner-university shall not claim Higher Voltage rebate from the respondent JBVNL.
11. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submitted an affidavit stating therein that the Petitioner-University shall submit a fresh application for new HT connection at contract demand of 300 KVA for availing power at Supply Voltage of 33KV.

Submission of the Respondent

12. Learned Counsel for the Respondent- JBVNL submitted that presently Jharkhand Rai University is having an electric connection on LT tariff under CS Urban category having contract demand- 250KVA.
13. It was submitted that the Jharkhand Rai University is located at-Dabartoli, Rajaulatu, Namkum and Power to the university is presently supplied through 11KV Plandu feeder having length approximately 85 Km. This feeder passes through villages and forest area Jamchuan, Plandu, Rajaulatu Road & Sarval, it covers rural areas as well as forest area. Due to long length of feeder, it gets sometime interruption in power supply causing power failure of Jharkhand Rai University. Power is also interrupted during rainy season. Hence there is need for improvement of power supply of Jharkhand Rai University. The University always pursue for quality power supply to its premises.
14. Learned Counsel for the Respondent has also submitted that as per (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2015 clause 4.3, power supply on 33KV can only be given for contract load exceeding 1500KVA and up to 10,000 KVA whereas the petitioner applied for contract load only for 250KVA. Hence as per the provision of regulation, Assistant Electrical Engineer, Electric Supply Sub-Division, Tatisilwai rejected his application and accordingly intimated to the applicant.
15. It was admitted that the 33 KV feeder is crossing near to the gate of the Jharkhand Rai University. Also if extension will be required then the cost

will be borne by the petitioner. Moreover, the voltage rebate may not be allowed for the supply load below 1500 KVA on 33 KV supply voltage.

16. It was submitted that JBVNL is bounded by the provision specified in the clause 4.3 of (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2015. However, as 33KV line is passing in front of the Jharkhand Rai University, hence 33KV power supply to the petitioner is technically feasible and for 250KVA contract demand on 33 KV supply voltage, the decision may be taken by the Hon'ble Commission.
17. Having heard the parties, perused the record of the case.

Commission Observation and Findings

18. The Commission considered the submission made by the parties and perused the materials available on records.
19. Clause 4.7 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015 reads as under;

“ 4.7 The Distribution Licensee may, depending upon the technical conditions of the distribution system, give supply at a voltage and phase other than the classification of supply in clause 4.3 of these Regulations, subject to the Commission's approval.”
20. During the course of hearing, the respondent was asked to submit a technical feasibility report regarding supply of electricity from 33KV feeder along with the interruption report of 11 KV feeder of the concerned area and the said technical feasibility report has been submitted.
21. The Commission observed that there have been frequent interruptions in the 11 kV Plandu feeder, which supplies power to the Petitioner. It was further noted that power outages were recorded even up to 09:55 hours and surely such frequent power cut badly affects smooth running of University involved in imparting education to the people at large.
22. The Commission further observed that the Respondent has admitted that supplying power at the 33 kV voltage level to Rai University is technically feasible and would ensure reliable power supply.

23. It is further observed by the Commission that earlier the Petitioner applied for the new HT connection with the existing contract demand of 250 KVA. However, the petitioner, on 19.08.2025, submitted an affidavit stating therein that they will increase the contract demand to 300KVA.

In the result, it is ordered as;

ORDER

24. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the prayers of the petitioner are hereby allowed. The respondent may allow connection service to the petitioner at supply voltage of 33KV line with a contract demand of 300 KVA after ensuring proper arrangement of metering, billing and network system protection.
25. It is hereby also clarified as admitted that the petitioner shall not avail voltage rebate corresponding to 33KV voltage level as per JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015.
26. With the aforesaid observations, the petition is hereby disposed off.

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Chairperson