

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Case No. **25** of **2010**

Shri **Mukhtiar Singh**, Chairperson
Shri **T. Munikrishnaiah**, Member (Tech)

Date: **20th October 2010**

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

Replacement of existing meters by digital meters at the cost of the consumers.

This is a case in which the Commission had taken cognizance of the news items published in a local newspaper to the effect that the existing consumers of the distribution licensee-JSEB has to replace their existing meters with digital meters at their own cost and if they fail to do so within the specified date, penalty of Rs.6,000/- would be imposed on them. As such the Commission by its order dated 29.9.2010 had directed the distribution licensee-JSEB to show-cause within 10 (ten) days as to under which provision of law the consumers are being asked to replace their existing meters with digital meters. In the meantime it was also directed not to take any coercive action against the consumers for replacement of the existing meters by the digital meters. In compliance of the said order the distribution licensee-JSEB had submitted its show-cause which was not found satisfactory and the same was not accepted. As a result, the Commission by its order dated 11.10.2010 directed the distribution licensee-JSEB to issue fresh notice in the newspapers in accordance with the provisions of Clause 13 of JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2005 and making it clear that the scheme for replacement of meter is a optional one and not compulsory, no coercive action will be taken against those consumers who do not purchase the meters and if the consumers elect to purchase the meter,

they will be entitled to get rebate. The case was posted for today awaiting compliance of the order dated 11.10.2010.

In compliance of the aforesaid directions, the distribution licensee-JSEB vide its letter No. 543 dated 19.10.2010 has sent a copy of the notice published in the newspapers dated 19.10.2010 which shows that the scheme for replacement of burnt/inoperative meters is optional, and no coercive action will be taken against those consumers who do not purchase the meters. The notice also says that the consumers electing to purchase the meter, will be entitled to get rebate of Rs.20/- instead of Rs.10/-.

From the above, it is evident that the order dated 11.10.2010 passed by the Commission has been complied with. In view of this the proceeding is dropped.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the distribution licensee-JSEB.

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(T. Munikrishanaih)
Member (E)

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(Mukhtiar Singh)
Chairperson