

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

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<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name of the Parties</u>	<u>Brief subject</u>
04(1)/2007	Naresh Prasad Khatri & Ors Vrs. Jharkhand State Elec. Board	Non-providing of electric connection in village – Shanti Nagar, (Chatakpur), Block- Kanke, Dist.- Ranchi
04(XII)/2007	Ranjit Kumar Mahto &Ors. Vrs. Jharkhand State Elec. Board	Non-providing electric connection in Village- Hitzara, Block – Sonahatu, District –Ranchi
04(XIII)/2007	Tulsi Sahu & Ors. Vrs. Jharkhand State Elec. Board	Non-Providing electric connection in village – Tundahuli, Block- Ormanjhi, Dist.- Ranchi.

**Order
(04/02/2008)**

In all the three cases common issue involved is non-providing of electricity to the applicants by J.S.E.B, inspite of receiving security deposits from them. All the cases have been accordingly heard together and are now disposed of by this common order.

The complaints had been filed by the residents of villages Chatakpur of Kanke Block, Hitzara of Block Sonahatu and Tundahuli of Block Ormanzhi, all of District Ranchi, against the distribution licensee – JSEB, regarding non-providing of electrical connection to them. The Commission had drawn the attention of the distribution licensee - JSEB to the provisions of Sections 43(1) & 43(3) of the Electricity Act 2003. The Commission had asked the licensee to report the compliance within 15 days from the date of its order dated 4th December 2007. With no compliance report submitted within the prescribed time, the Commission by its order dated 02.01.2008 directed the JSEB to file show cause within 15 days as to why the appropriate order be not passed for not providing electricity to the villagers and for failing to comply with the order of the Commission. The licensee submitted a reply on 24/01/2008 in which the licensee tried to explain its inability to provide the connection to the villagers. Initially the work on rural electrification was to be done by Board itself and the work was awarded to M/s Rites, who did not complete the work and the contracts were terminated. Now the work has been taken up under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna.

From the argument put forward by the learned Counsel of the respondent it was quite clear that the licensee has neither done anything in this regard nor is willing to give a date by which the connection would be provided.

Commission has already given a detailed order dated 10/01/2008 in Case Nos. 04(viii)/2007-08,04/(x)/2007-08,04(xi)/2007-08 & 20/2007 which are of similar in nature. Accordingly, it is decided to give one months time from this date of

order to provide electricity to the applicants of the cases before us failing which each of the applicants be paid Rs. 50/- per day from 30 days after the security deposit was accepted (received) by the licensee.

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