

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF

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

**ORDERS
(29.9.2010)**

It has come to the notice of the Commission from the news items published in the newspaper "Dainik Bhaskar" dated 22.9.2010 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 per the provisions contained in Clause 13 of the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations 2005 it is the duty of the distribution licensee to supply the meter and accessories unless the consumer elects to purchase a meter. Further, the testing, maintenance and replacement of lost, burnt or defective and inoperative meters are also the responsibility of the distribution licensee. Hence taking cognizance of the news item published in the newspaper dated 22.9.2010 this case is being registered suo-motu.

The distribution licensee-JSEB is directed 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, no coercive action against the consumers be taken by the distribution licensee-JSEB for replacement of the existing meters by the digital meters.

Put up on **11.10.2010** for further orders.

Sd/-
Member (E)

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Chairperson