

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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S.K.F. KUJUR, Chairman

(Smt) S. SINHA, Member (Legal)

IN THE MATTER OF

Proposal of Jharkhand State Electricity Board for regulating use of power by Industrial Consumer during peak load hours under Section 23 of the Electricity Act 2003

ORDER

(18.01.2008)

The Board has informed the Commission that the State is passing through the acute power crises outside the DVC's command area and have suggested that the power supply to general consumers may improve during the peak hours if the industrial consumers were not allowed to use the power during peak load hours from 6 P.M to 10 P.M and have requested the Commission to pass the order restraining the industrial consumers from using the power during the peak hours i.e. 6 P.M to 10 P.M under Section 23 of Electricity Act 2003. The request of the Board was considered by the Commission and it has been noticed that Section 23 of the Electricity Act 2003 says as such:-

“Directions to licensees: - If the Appropriate Commission is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do for maintaining the efficient supply, securing the equitable distribution of electricity and promoting competition, it may, by order, provide for regulating supply, distribution, consumption or use thereof.”

It does not say that the Commission can pass orders restraining any category of consumers from using electricity during a particular period of time. As such the request of the Board can not be accepted.

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Chairman