

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Case No. **28** of **2010**

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

Dated: 7th October 2010

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

Enhancement of tariff for “Kutir Jyoti” consumers without prior notice and approval of the Commission.

It has come to the notice of the Commission from the news items published in the newspaper “Prabhat Khabar” dated 28.9.2010 and 29.9.2010 that the energy bill of “Kutir Jyoti” consumers has been enhanced by 2½ times than the approved rate of tariff for the said category of consumers and they are being charged @ Rs.79/- instead of Rs.29/- without any prior notice. In this context it is stated that in the Tariff Order for FY 2010-11 for JSEB, the rate of “Kutir Jyoti” consumers have been determined by the Commission as follows:

Consumer category	Fixed Charge	Energy Charge	Minimum Monthly Charge
DS-I(a), Kutir Jyoti connections metered	NA	Rs.1.10/kwh (Optional metered tariff)	Nil
DS-I (a), Kutir Jyoti connections, unmetered	Rs.30/- per connection per month	0	NIL

The aforesaid Tariff Order is applicable from 1st May 2010.

From the above it is evident that the licensee-JSEB is supposed to charge from the “Kutir Jyoti” unmetered consumers at the rate of Rs.30/- per connection per month and in case of metered it is Rs.1.10/kwh. But from the news items it appears that the licensee-JSEB is raising bills @ Rs.79/- per connection per month. As per Clause 20.1 of the JSERC (Distribution License Conditions) Regulations 2005 the licensee shall charge the consumers for the supply of electricity in accordance with the Tariff Order issued by the Commission from time to time. But in the instant case it appears that the licensee-JSEB is charging the “Kutir Jyoti” consumers at the rate more than approved by the Commission. Hence taking cognizance of the news

item published in the newspaper dated 28.9.2010 and 29.9.2010 this case is being registered suo-motu.

The distribution licensee-JSEB is directed to show-cause within 15 (ten) days as to under which provision of law the tariff of "Kutir Jyoti" category has been enhanced and the consumers of "Kutir Jyoti" category are being charged at the enhanced rate.

Put up on **23.10.2010** for further orders.

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(T. Munikrishnaiah)
Member (Tech)

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(Mukhtiar Singh)
Chairperson