

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Case No. 10/2007-08

CORAM
S.K.F. KUJUR, Chairman
P.C. VERMA, Member (T)
(Smt) S. SINHA, Member (Legal)

IN THE MATTER OF

Non-providing of electrical connection to the residents of Cooperative Colony,
Bokaro Steel Plant by the distribution licensee SAIL/BSP

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Rajeshwar Pandey S/o Late Sita Ram Pandey, Resident of Plot No.407, Cooperative
Colony, Bokaro Steel City Petitioner

Versus

SAIL/Bokaro Steel Plant & others Respondents

ORDER
(04.12.2007)

The petitioner has filed the instant petition against the non-compliance of the order dated 17.8.2007 passed by the Commission for supply of electricity to the residents of Cooperative Colony of Bokaro Steel City.

The brief fact of the case is that the petitioner had filed a petition before the Commission for issuing direction to the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) to supply electrical connection individually to the residents of Cooperative Colony of Bokaro Steel Plant. The Commission after hearing both the parties, by order dated 17.8.2007, directed the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) to supply electricity to any one who applies before it for supply of electricity within 30 days from the date of application. But even after lapse of more than three months the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) has not implemented the order dated 17.8.2007 and has not provided electrical connection to the applicants of the Cooperative Colony of Bokaro Steel City. As such

the petitioner has filed the instant petition for issuing necessary orders in accordance with law.

Perused the petition and the materials available on record.

From the perusal of the record it appears that the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) has not provided electrical connection to the applicants till date in compliance of order dated 17.8.2007. Thus, prima facie, we are satisfied that the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) has contravened the provisions of the Electricity Act 2003 and the Rules and Regulations as well as the orders of the Commission.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated hereinabove we are of the view that the distribution licensee has failed to provide the electrical connection to the applicants within the stipulated time despite direction of the Commission. It is the responsibility of the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) to ensure that the electrical connection is provided to the applicants within 30 days from the date of application as per the Electricity Act 2003. The distribution licensee cannot evade their responsibility. Much time has elapsed from the date of receipt of the applications.

In the result, the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) is directed to provide the electrical connection to all the applicants of Cooperative Colony of Bokaro Steel Plant within 31st December 2007 failing which the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) shall be liable to pay compensation as per the Regulation of the Commission after lapse of 30 days i.e. Rs.50/- per day/applicant from the date of deposit of their respective security amount till the date they are provided electrical connection to their respective premises.

With the above observations and directions the complaint/petition of the complainants/petitioners is disposed of.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the distribution licensee (SAIL/BSP) for compliance and report.

Sd/-
(S. Sinha)
Member (Legal)

Sd/-
(P.C. Verma)
Member (Tech)

Sd/-
(S.K.F. Kujur)
Chairman