

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

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

IN THE MATTER OF

JSEB's general notice published in the newspapers on 14.6.2007 calling upon the persons of rural region, who have applied and have already deposited the required charges including security money for electrical connection in their respective premises to take back the money so deposited if they are not ready to wait as the Board is not in a position to provide connection at present.

ORDER

(27.07.2007)

This is a case in which the Jharkhand State Electricity Board has published a notice in the daily news papers on 14.6.2007 by which a call has been made to the persons of rural region, who have applied and have already deposited the required charges including security money for electric connection in their respective premises to take back the money so deposited if they are not ready to wait as the Board is not in a position to provide electric connection to them at present.

The Commission took cognizance of the said notice dated 14.6.2007 and by order dated 4.7.2007 directed the distribution licensee (JSEB) to explain as to how and under what provision of the Electricity Act 2003 the notice in question was published. In compliance of the said order dated 4.7.2007 the distribution licensee (JSEB) submitted its show-cause on 20.7.2007 and prayed to drop the present proceeding.

Perused the show-cause submitted by the Board on the subject.

As per the provision of Section 43(1) of the Electricity Act 2003, every distribution licensee, shall, on an application by the owner or occupier of any premises, give supply of electricity to such premises, within one month after receipt of the application requiring such supply. The licensee cannot reject or refuse to take

application for providing electrical connection. However, the extension of time for providing electrical connection can be obtained from the Commission after giving valid reasons for such extension of time in each case.

As per the notice issued by the distribution licensee (JSEB) on 14.6.2007 it appears that it is a notice in general, which cannot be allowed. The Commission will like to know as to how many applicants are there who have deposited the required security deposit and the time upto which the distribution licensee (JSEB) is going to provide them with electrical connection in each case.

Since the Rural Electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna (RGGVY) has been allocated to different agencies, the distribution licensee (JSEB) should give a list district-wise and while undertaking the work, priority must be given to those applicants/persons who have deposited the security deposits. The distribution licensee (JSEB) may apply for the extension of time based on individual case.

Put up on 10.8.2007 awaiting reply of the distribution licensee (JSEB) for further orders.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the distribution licensee (JSEB) for compliance.

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(S. Sinha)
Member (Legal)
27.07.2007

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(P.C. Verma)
Member (Tech)
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Chairman
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