

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES
GURGAON**

Coram
Dr. V. K. Garg, Chairperson
Shri R. K. Sharma, FIE Member

Petition No.....16/ 2010

In the matter of

Reduction of Tariff to certain categories of consumers and provision of Tariff subsidy by the Government of Puducherry.

And in the matter of:

Secretary to Government (Power), Puducherry.

APPLICANT

Present

1. Shri T. Anandhakrishnan, Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department, Puducherry

ORDER

19/10/2010

1. Secretary to Government Industrial Development (Power) Department, Government of Puducherry in their letter No. D. 2106 / 1 / ID (P) D / 2010 / P3 dated 22/04/2010 has indicated the following:

“The Government of Puducherry has accorded approval to grant subsidy to certain categories of consumers in the interest of public of UT of Puducherry in consonance with the provisions under section 65 of Electricity Act, 2003 in the Tariff Order of JERC dt. 05/02/2010 w.e.f 20/02/2010 for the Aggregate Resource Revenue / Tariff Petition filed by the Electricity Department for the year 2009-2010 as detailed below:

S.N	Category of consumers	Present rate fixed by JERC from 20/02/2010	Revised rate proposed by the Government from 20/02/2010
1	OHOB	Rs. 15/month/Service	Free
2	Agriculture service (small farmers)	Rs. 25/HP/Annum	Free
3	Agriculture service (other farmers)	Rs. 100/HP/Annum	Rs. 75/HP/Annum
4	Domestic category (Less than or equal to 100 Units per month)	Rs. 0.60 / Unit	Rs. 0.55 / Unit

The entire fund provisions of Electricity Department are met through budgetary provisions of the Government and the subsidy due to Electricity Department shall be compensated in the allocation of funds to Electricity Department by the Government”.

The Government of Puducherry has therefore requested the Commission as per regulation 34 of JERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 for necessary approval and concurrence of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for modification / revision in the tariff order of JERC dated 05/02/2010 in respect of UT of Puducherry w.e.f 20/02/2010.

On a query from Commission vide letter No. 3/10/2010-JERC dated 22nd June 2010, Secretary to Government (Power), Government of Puducherry in their letter No. D.21016/1/ID(P)/D/2010/P3 dated 13-08-2010 has furnished the amount of subsidy payable by the Government of Puducherry to each category of consumer for the year 2009-10 (40 days) from 21/02/2010 to 31/3/2010 as given below.

S.No	Category	Amount of subsidy (Rupees)
1	Domestic consumers (Consumption less than 100 units per month)	625267.00
2	Small Farmers	17260.00
3	OHOB	812712.00
4	Other Farmers	155899.00
	Total	1611528.00

It is also intimated in the above letter that the Government of Puducherry has decided to extend the subsidy for all those categories of consumers for the year 2010-11, similar to the subsidy awarded for the year 2009-10.

2. The Commission, has considered the request made by the Secretary, Government of Puducherry and issue following orders.

2.1. The subsidy as proposed by Government of Puducherry for above categories of consumers is approved.

2.2. The Electricity Department, Puducherry (EDP) shall implement the subsidy to the category of consumers indicated by the Government of Puducherry with effect from 20th February 2010.

2.3. The EDP shall furnish in the Monthly / Bimonthly electricity bill issued to the consumer apart from the energy and other charges as per the approved tariff, the amount of subsidy provided by the Government of Puducherry and the net bill amount to be paid by the consumer. So that the consumers are aware of the subsidy provided by the Government of Puducherry.

2.4. The Government of Puducherry as well as EDP will have to abide by the provision under section 65 of the Electricity Act 2003 which reads as below.

Provided that no such direction of the State Government shall be operative if the payment is not made in accordance with the provisions contained in this section and the tariff fixed by the State Commission shall be applicable from the date of issue of orders by the Commission in this regard.”

2.5. The tariffs ordered by the Commission in its Tariff Order dated 05/02/2010 will continue to be applicable till the Commission revise the tariff on application from Electricity Department, Puducherry for revision of tariff.

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(R. K. SHARMA)
MEMBER

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(DR. V.K.GARG)
CHAIRPERSON

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(J.S.Sehrawat)
Secretary