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Petition No. 11 of 2026

In the matter of

"Seeking exemption from having dedicated feeder for availing open access for Solar PV power at user end (M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Ltd. - Iron ore Mines) under provisions of clause 5(5) of CSERC (Connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 and amended Regulations, 2012."

M/s. Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Ltd.,
Vill. Borjhara, Urla Guma Road,
Raipur – 492 003 (Chhattisgarh)

... Petitioner

Versus

1. Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited
Vidhyut Seva Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)
2. Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company Limited
Vidhyut Seva Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.) ... Respondents

PRESENT : Vivek Ganodwale, Member (Law)
Ajay Kumar Singh, Member (Technical)

Appearance : Shri K.K. Parihar, representative for petitioner.
Smt. Alka Yadav, EE for Respondent CSPDCL.
Shri Ajay Kumar Chouksey, EE for respondent CSPTCL.

ORDER
(May 11, 2026)

The petitioner M/s Shri Bajrang Steel Corporate Ltd. is a registered company under the Company Act, 1956 and is engaged in the business of steel and power.

2. The respondent No. 1 is Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (in short, 'CSPDCL' or Respondent No. 1') the state owned distribution licensee in the State and the respondent No. 2 is Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company Limited (in short, 'CSPTCL' or Respondent No. 2') the transmission licensee in the State.

Petitioner's Submission:

3. Petitioner's has installed 38.5 MW (AC) ground mounted solar PV Power Plant, which was commissioned on 09.12.2022. The plant is situated at Village-Kaudiya and Bhaisamuda, Tehsil-Nawagarh, District - Bemetara (C.G.) having it's connectivity from 132/33 KV Nawagarh substation to meet captive power requirement of it's parent company M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited.

- 3.1 The revised details of the drawal entities of M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited and their connectivity are as follows::

Drawal entity	Connectivity Location	Quantum of power to be draw (in MW)
Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited, (Borjhara Division) CD – 14 MVA	Through 132KV dedicated feeder from 220 /132 KV S/s Urla	Through open access – 13.30 MW and through banking – 16.95 MW
Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited (TMT Division) CD – 4 MVA	Through 132KV dedicated feeder from 220 / 132 KV S/s Borjhara	Through open access – 3.80 MW
Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited (Tilda Division) CD – 9 MVA	Through 132KV dedicated feeder from 220/132 KV S/s Kuthrel	Through open access – 3.0 MW

Drawal entity	Connectivity Location	Quantum of power to be draw (in MW)
Shri Bajrang Alliance Limited (Agro Division) CD – 1 MVA	Through 33 KV Alankar Alloy Feeder from 220/132/33 KV S/s Borjhara	Through open access – 0.95 MW
M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited (Iron Ore Mines) CD – 530 KVA	Through tapped feeder from Puttarwahi 132/33 KV S/s to 33 KV S/s Durgkondal feeder	Through open access – 0.50 MW

- 3.2** The petitioner is proposing to add M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited (Iron Ore Mines) having contract demand of 530 KVA and connectivity at 33 KV supply through tapped feeder from 132 KV Puttarwahi substation to 33 KV S/s Durgkondal Feeder to offset its CSPDCL grid power drawal energy against from 38.5 MW ground mounted solar PV power plant. The quantum of power intends to drawn by proposed drawal entity will be in within the limit of contract demand of 530 KVA.
- 3.3** Petitioner submitted that as per provisions of clause 5(5) of CSERC (connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 (in short, 'open access, Regulations'), the Commission has power to provide exemption to the bulk consumers from having dedicated feeder subject to load restrictions.
- 3.4** It is further submitted that upon such exemption of having dedicated feeder, the Petitioner undertakes to develop data communication facilities to SLDC and to install requisite metering and other equipments and also agrees on situations of load restriction in the respective common distribution feeder of CSPDCL at the user end, if required by it. The petitioners also

undertake to abide by any other judicious conditions imposed by the Commission, if any.

- 3.5** With the above submissions, the petitioner prays to grant exemption from having dedicated feeder to avail open access for M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited (Iron Ore Mines) under clause 5 (5) of CSERC (connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 and amendment Regulations 2012.

Respondent No. 1 - CSPDCL's Reply

- 4.** Respondent No. 1 in its reply submitted that petitioner has not clarified whether the proposed drawal entity is replacement of the existing drawal entity or it is an additional drawal entity then the respective quantum of power to be drawn should be defined. It is also submitted that the petition requires needful clarification.
- 4.1** Respondent No. 1 vide their additional reply submitted that in the instant case, petitioner intends to draw solar PV power from the grid of CSPDCL for his captive use at existing remote location i.e., M/s Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Limited (Iron Ore Mines). The petitioner is permitted for connectivity with the grid of distribution licensee for injection of generated solar PV power
- 4.2** CSPDCL submitted that in the matter of long-term open access, regulations 5(5) of the First Amendment in Open Access Regulations, 2011 provides as follows:

"Open access shall be permissible to the intra-State users having connectivity through a dedicated feeder emanating from a grid sub-station of licensee with online data communication facilities to SLDC."

Provided that the bulk consumers who are not connected through dedicated feeders shall not be allowed open access unless exempted by the Commission for reasons to be recorded in writing. Bulk consumers availing open access shall be subject to load-restriction, if required."

4.3 The Commission may consider the prayer of the petitioner to grant necessary exemption from having dedicated feeder at drawl end to avail long-term open access to petitioner subject to the following:

- (i) Petitioner has to make an arrangement for installation of ABT meter with AMR facility, RTU for online data communication etc. at the point of drawl of power as per prevailing metering regulation.
- (ii) Petitioner shall not be allowed to lodge any claim in case of failure / under scheduled maintenance / shut down / non operation of multi-consumer HV feeder i.e., 33 KV Durgkondal through which petitioner is getting 33 KV supply at present.
- (iii) Petitioner shall submit an undertaking to both the respondents i.e., CSPDCL and CSPTCL regarding condition specified above.

4.4 Further, CSPDCL has submitted technical feasibility report of 33 KV Durgkondal feeder through which captive drawal entity is presently supplied.

Respondent No. 2 - CSPTCL's Reply

5. CSPTCL submitted that they have no objection to consider the prayer of the petitioner and to grant necessary exemption as per

Open Access Regulations, 2011 and its amendments allow long-term open access, if the petitioner fulfils the following conditions:

- (i) Drawl entity has to make an arrangement for installation of ABT meter with AMR, RTU for online data communication etc. at the point of drawl of power as per prevailing Regulations.
- (ii) Drawl entity shall not be allowed to lodge any claim in case of failure/under scheduled maintenance/shut down / non operation of multi-consumer HV feeder supplying power to the drawl end due to the reason whatsoever, also agree to load restrictions, if any, imposed by the licensee on the feeder serving them.
- (iii) Drawl entity shall submit an undertaking to both the respondents i.e. CSPDCL and CSPTCL regarding condition specified above.

5.1 It is further submitted that for transmission of power in the above said arrangement under open access, transmission network shall be involved and it is feasible to transmit the power from injection point (132 / 33 kV Nawagarh substation) to drawl point (132 kV Puttarwahi - Bhanupratapur substation). Hence, open access to the petitioner shall be granted by CSPTCL, as per the provisions of Open Access Regulations, 2011 and its amendment.

Analysis and Decision

Heard the parties and gone through the submissions made by them.

6. During the course of hearing, respondent CSPDCL has submitted that certain points are not clear in the petition and requires clarification. The Commission has directed petitioner to clarify

the objections raised by the respondent CSPDCL. In compliance to this, petitioner has submitted additional submission clarifying the information required by CSPDCL.

- 7.** In the light of notification of the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, notified on dated 18.03.2026, there is no need of interference by the Commission in the matter. Relevant para is reproduced below:

"Provided further that any consumer who is not connected through dedicated feeder, intending to procure power through Open Access from IDRES solar projects (as specified in the DRE Regulations) located within the State, shall be exempted from requirements of dedicated feeders subject to load restriction, if any."

Accordingly, the case is disposed off.

Sd/-
(Ajay Kumar Singh)
Member (Tech.)

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(Vivek Ganodwale)
Member (Law)