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Petition No. 25 of 2026

In the matter of

"Seeking exemption from having dedicated feeder for availing open access for Solar PV power at user end under provisions of clause 5(5) of CSERC (Connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 as amended from time to time and Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003."

M/s Vihaan Industries
G.E. Road, Parrikala,
District – Rajnandgaon – 491 441

... 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 Riyaz Sheikh, representative for petitioner.

Shri Alka Yadav, EE for Respondent CSPDCL.

Shri Ajay Kumar Chouksey, EE for respondent CSPTCL.

ORDER

(March 11, 2026)

The petitioner, M/s Vihaan Industries is a Proprietorship firm and is engaged in manufacturing of thermoforming items & plastic drums in his plant located at G.E. Road Parrikala, Rajnandgaon (C.G.). The petitioner is having contract demand of 800 KVA at 33 kV from the

respondent CSPDCL through 33 KV Industrial feeder emanating from 132/33 KV Rajnandgaon substation.

- 2.** The respondent No. 1 is Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (in short, 'CSPDCL' or Respondent No. 1') the 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.** The petitioner is also a solar PV power developer and has installed a remotely located solar PV power plant of capacity 1.5 MW (AC) at Village-Khambhat, District-Balod (C.G.) for his captive usage. This solar PV plant has been given connectivity consent by CSPDCL on 08.01.2026. The Power plant is permitted to evacuate power through 33 kV dedicated feeder connected at 33/11 KV Khambhat substation. As per the petitioner, the power plant was synchronized and commissioned on 31.01.2026.
- 3.1** Since drawl of solar power by petitioner's captive user would be negligible, hence, dedicated feeder is not feasible. 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.
- 3.2** 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 petitioner also undertakes to abide by any other judicious conditions imposed by the Commission, if any.

- 3.3** With the above submissions, the petitioner prays to grant exemption from having dedicated feeder to avail open access under clause 5 (5) of CSERC (connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 as amended and approval of open access on common distribution feeder of respondent No. 1 CSPDCL at solar power captive user's end.

Respondent No. 1 - CSPDCL's Reply

- 4.** Respondent No. 1 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. The petitioner is permitted for connectivity with the grid of distribution licensee for injection of generated solar PV power.

- 4.1** 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."

4.2 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-consumers HV feeder i.e., 33 kV Industrial feeder emanating from 132/33 kV Rajnandgaon substation 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 at (ii) above.

4.3 Further, CSPDCL has submitted technical feasibility report of 33 KV Industrial feeder through which petitioner is availing power supply at present.

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 shall pay all the open access charges, SLDC charges as per prevailing regulations / tariff order for transaction of power under open access.
- (ii) 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 metering regulations.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) Drawl entity shall submit an undertaking to the respondents No. 1 & 2 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 (33/11 kV Khambhat substation) to drawl point (132/33 kV Rajnandgaon 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. As per the provisions of Regulations, exemption from having dedicated feeder to avail open access may be granted by the Commission in appropriate cases for the reasons to be recorded in writing. The conditions, generally put by the respondents for this purpose, should be undertaken by the petitioner. The petitioner has agreed to fulfil the conditions placed by the respondents.
7. Therefore, we are of the view that petitioner's plant (captive user) would be exempted from having dedicated feeder to avail open access, according to the provisions of clause 5(5) of the Open Access Regulation, 2011 and its amendments, subject to fulfilment of conditions placed by the respondents.

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

**Sd/-
(Vivek Ganodwale)
Member (Law)**