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Petition No. 26 of 2026

In the matter of

"In the matter of seeking exemption from having dedicated feeder for availing open access for WHRB power at user end under provisions of clause 5(5) of CSERC (Connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 and amendment Regulations, 2012."

M/s Shree Hanuman Loha Pvt. Ltd.
Sector-C, Urla Industrial Area,
Dist.- Raipur (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 Shobhit Joseph, representative for petitioner.
Shri Pravin Kumar Sharma, EE for Respondent CSPDCL.
Shri Ajay Kumar Chouksey, EE for respondent CSPTCL.

ORDER
(April 13, 2026)

The petitioner, M/s Shree Hanuman Loha Pvt. Ltd. is a registered company and is engaged in manufacturing of TMT Steel and Pipes in his manufacturing plant situated at Sector-C, Urla Industrial Area, Urla, District-Raipur (Chhattisgarh). The petitioner is having contract demand

of 13500 KVA at 33 KV through multi consumer Pankaj Ispat feeder emanating from 220 KV Urla substation.

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

Petitioner's Submission:

- 3.** The petitioner intends to draw power from his differently located WHRB based captive generating plant namely M/s VAP Ispat Pvt. Ltd. located at Village-Rampura & Mudpar, District- Bemetara (C.G.) with installed capacity of 24 MW. The said power plant is permitted to evacuate maximum power to the tune of 14.1 MW through 33 kV dedicated feeder connected to 33/11 kV Sambalpur substation. The connectivity consent is given on 19.12.2025. As per the petitioner, the power plant is expected to be synchronized and commissioned by 31.03.2026.
- 3.1** Petitioner submitted that supply arrangement at the drawl point is under the process to be changed from 33 KV to 132 KV voltage level is in advance stage. The drawl of power is proposed at 132 KV level from 132/33 KV, Sector -C, Urla Substation.
- 3.2** Since drawl of WHRB 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.

3.3 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.

3.4 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 WHRB 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 WHRB 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 WHRB 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 CSPDCL submitted that 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 VAP Ispat feeder emanating from 33/11 kV Sambalpur substation through which petitioner is injecting WHRB CPP supply.
- (iii) Petitioner shall submit an undertaking to both the respondents i.e., CSPDCL and CSPTCL regarding condition specified at (ii) above.

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 regulation / 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 regulation.
- (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 petitioner, due to the reason whatsoever, also agree to load restrictions, if any, imposed by the licensee on the feeders 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 CSPTCL has given consent on technical feasibility for drawl of power at concerned 132 KV voltage level feeder.

5.2 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 Sambalpur substation) to drawl point (220 kV Urla 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)**