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To

The Secretary,
CSEB, Dangania,
Raipur.

Sub: Suo Motu petition No. 2/05 - Cent percent metering.

The aforesaid petition was heard on 30.3.2005 and the final orders passed by the Commission is reproduced as under:-

"Shri K.K.Sinha, Addl.CE, CSEB and OIC of the case is present. Shri S.K.Mehta, CE (S&P) is also present. He submits the procurement plan of meters on oath.

The Commission has perused the plan for installation of meters submitted by Shri Sinha as also the procurement plan. The plan for installation of meters was discussed and the Commission approves the following plan:-

1. 33 KV feeders/Points:

The total number of feeders/points where meters are to be installed is 354. These meters will be installed by December 2005. As per the quarterly plan submitted by the Board, the installation plan for the fourth quarter of 2005-06 shall be distributed in the first three quarters.

2. 11 KV feeders/points:

The total number of feeders/points where meters are to be installed is 626. These meters will also be installed by Dec. 2005. The target for the last quarter shall be distributed in the first three quarters.

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3. Distribution Transformer meters:

The total number of distribution transformer meters to be installed is as much as 37,456 spread over in 253 D/Cs in all over the State. Installation of these meters shall be completed by the end of March, 2007.

4. **Consumer meters - Stopped and defective meters:**

There are as many as 2,25,258 stopped/defective meters. These are of existing consumers who are being billed on average consumption rate. Needles to mention that non-replacement of these meters entails revenue loss to the Board which in many cases may be heavy. Therefore, in consumer metering the first priority has to be accorded to replacement of these meters. This work shall be completed by end of March 2006.

5. **Unmetered connections:**

There are as many as 8,44,214 unmetered LT connections. This includes agriculture pumps and SLP consumers. This includes the unmetered connections of 60 towns in which meters are to be installed on priority. The plan for installation of meters for this category shall be as under:-

- (i) 32 large towns, as per the list submitted, shall be fully metered by June 2005.
- (ii) 28 smaller towns, as per the list submitted, shall be taken up in the second phase and fully metered by end March, 2006.
- (iii) Remaining unmetered connections shall be fully metered by March 2007.
 - (a) Priority for installation of consumer meters shall be given to agriculture consumers and all agriculture pumps should be metered.
 - (b) Installation of meters of SLP consumers may be taken up last.

6. **New connections:**

As already directed by the Commission no new electricity connection shall be provided by the Board without an appropriate meter. It shall be ensured that adequate number of meters are available every month as per the average number of new connections. In case there is a time lag in procurement of appropriate meters and release of new connection, connection may be provided even along with the old electro mechanical meters presently available with the Board with necessary repairs and required calibration. These may be replaced by appropriate meters as soon as the latter are procured.

7. The Board shall confirm that the stopped HT meters have since been replaced. This replacement was scheduled by end of March 2005.

8. The procurement plan submitted prima facie appears satisfactory, provided the Board takes quick decisions in the matter of procurement. Inordinate delays have taken place in procurement of meters inspite of the fact that as per the mandate of the Act cent percent meterization has to be achieved by June this year and it is in the best

interest of the Board that meters are installed. We only hope that the Board will now gear up to take quick decisions so that the plan approved by the Commission, as above, is implemented sincerely. The CE (S&P) will now dovetail the procurement plan to the meterization plan approved above and resubmit the plan by 15th April '05.

9. The plan for installation of meters shall also be revised as per this order and submitted on the 15th April '05. Replacement of stopped HT meters shall also be confirmed on that date.

Copy of this order may be separately sent to the Board".

Sd/-
(Ajay Shrivastava)
Deputy Secretary