



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. A – 6/ G.O. TARIFF**

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY OF 200 PAISE PER KWH FOR
AGRICULTURE (IRRIGATION) CONSUMERS OF THE WEST BENGAL
STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(WBSEDCL)

DATE: 24.07.2026



Government subsidy of 200 paise per kWh for Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers of the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited

- 1.0 The Department of Power, Government of West Bengal (in short the 'State Government') vide its Order No: 62-Pr.S(P)/2026 dated 22.07.2026, in exercising of its powers conferred under Section 108 read with Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has issued directions to the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short the 'Commission') to direct the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short 'WBSEDCL') to provide a tariff subsidy to Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers at the rate of 200 paise (Rs. 2.00) per kWh applicable only on the energy charge. The State Government has provided the subsidy to be effective from the consumption month of August 2026 and shall continue until further orders.
- 2.0 In addition to the above, it is stated that the policy direction shall supersede all previous policy directions issued by the State Government relating to tariff subsidy for Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers.
- 3.0 The entire revenue shortfall arising out of the implementation of the above subsidy shall be compensated upfront to WBSEDCL by the State Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, so that no financial burden on account of the subsidy is borne by WBSEDCL.
- 4.0 A copy of the direction of the State Government is attached to this order under Annexure I.

Order:

- 5.0 WBSEDCL shall comply with the direction of the State Government towards extension of subsidy to the Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers.
- 6.0 WBSEDCL shall clearly indicate in the energy bills of the aforesaid consumers, the amount payable in terms of the tariff determined by the Commission, the amount of State Government subsidy and the net amount payable.
- 7.0 WBSEDCL shall publish a gist of this order in the newspapers and also in their website.
- 8.0 A copy of the order shall be posted in the website of the Commission.
- 9.0 WBSEDCL shall download the copy of the order from the website of the Commission and act on it. Certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on completion of



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formalities laid down in the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013, as amended and on submission of necessary fees.

Sd/-

(DR. MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO)

CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 24.07.2026

Sd/-

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WBERC

Annexure I

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Government of West Bengal
Department of Power
Bidyut Unnayan Bhawan (5th Floor)
3/C, LA-Block, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata – 700 106

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Direction under section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 108 read with Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Government of West Bengal hereby issues the following policy direction, in public interest, to the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (WBERC):

The Commission is requested to issue appropriate orders directing the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) to provide a tariff subsidy to Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers at the rate of 200 paise (Rs. 2.00) per kWh, applicable only on the energy charge. The subsidy shall be effective from the consumption month of August 2026 and shall continue until further orders.

This policy direction shall supersede all previous policy directions issued by the Government of West Bengal relating to tariff subsidy for Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Government of West Bengal shall compensate WBSEDCL upfront for the entire revenue shortfall arising out of the implementation of the above subsidy, so that no financial burden on account of the subsidy is borne by WBSEDCL.

This has the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O no: Group R/2026-2027/0059 dated 17.07.2026.

Encl: U.O of Finance Department

Sd/-
(Santanu Basu, IAS)
Principal Secretary

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Forwarded to The Chairperson, West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (WBERC)

(Santanu Basu, IAS)
Principal Secretary