



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. B-11/23**

IN REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIRECTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER DATED 23.12.2021 UNDER SECTION 108 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 TO THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO ISSUE APPROPRIATE ORDER FOR PROVIDING SUBSIDY TO THE CONSUMERS IN REGARD TO THE TARIFF ORDER DATED 25.08.2021 PASSED BY THE COMMISSION IN RESPECT OF WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

PRESENT:

SRI SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA, CHAIRPERSON

SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER

SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER

DATE: 24.01.2022



In regard to the direction of the Government of West Bengal in the Department of Power under Section 108 read with Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to provide subsidy to the consumers in regard to the Tariff Order dated 25.08.2021 passed by the Commission in respect of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited



1.0 The Department of Power, Government of West Bengal (in short the 'State Government') vide its letter under Memo No. 152-POW-13012(12)/2/2018 dated 23.12.2021 has issued the directions to the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short the 'Commission') to provide subsidy as mentioned in the said letter to the following group of consumers in exercising its power conferred by Section 108 read with Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (in short the 'Act') in regard to the Tariff Order dated 25.08.2021 passed by the Commission in respect of the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short 'WBSEDCL'):

- (i) Domestic (Rural) and Domestic (Urban) consumers having monthly consumption upto 300 units under WBSEDCL excluding erstwhile DPL area.
- (ii) Agriculture (Irrigation) consumers having monthly consumption upto 300 units under WBSEDCL excluding erstwhile DPL area.
- (iii) Life Line Domestic Consumers as per scheme called 'Hasir Alo'.

2.0 In addition to the above, the State Government has directed that the subsidy provided by the State Government under 'Hasir Alo' scheme vide Order No. 53-POW-13012(12)/2/2018-SECTION (POWER) dated 17.03.2020 shall continue.

3.0 The State Government has also mentioned that the resultant shortfall in revenue realization of WBSEDCL due to above decision shall be compensated upfront to WBSEDCL in terms of Regulation framed under Section 65 of the Act. Further, it is mentioned that no subsidy shall be extended to the consumers under other tariff categories.

4.0 A copy of the direction of the State Government is attached to this order as Annexure I.

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5.0 WBSEDCL shall comply with direction of the State Government towards extension of subsidy to the classes of consumers mentioned in the letter.

6.0 WBSEDCL shall clearly indicate in the energy bills for the above classes of 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.



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

Sd/-
(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(DURGADAS GOSWAMI)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA)
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 24.01.2022

Sd/-
(Secretary)

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Government of West Bengal
Department of Power
Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban, 5th Floor
3/C LA Block, Sector-III, Kolkata- 700 098

No: 152-POW-13012(12)/2/2018

Date : 23rd Dec, 2021

To : The Secretary
West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission
Plot No: AH/5 (2nd & 4th Floor),
Premises No : MAR 16-1111, Action Area 1A,
New-town, Rajarhat, Kolkata- 700163

Sub : Direction under section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform you that in view of the Tariff Order dated 25/08/2021 passed by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission ('Commission') i.r.o WBSEDCL for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 the State Government has decided to continue with the subsidy to the following group of consumers in exercise of the power conferred by Section 108 read with Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

1. Domestic (rural), Domestic (urban) consumers having monthly consumption upto 300 units under WBSEDCL excluding erstwhile DPL area.
2. Agriculture (Irrigation), consumers having monthly consumption upto 300 units under WBSEDCL excluding erstwhile DPL area.
3. Life Line Domestic Consumers as per scheme called " Hasir Alo"

A: For the year 2018-19:

The rate of subsidy would remain same as provided for the year 2017-18.

B: For the year 2019-20:

- i. Commission in its Tariff Order dated 25/08/2021 subsumed applicable MVCA (@23paise/kWh) with the energy charge of respective category of consumers (Excluding erstwhile DPL area). Accordingly, State Govt. has decided to provide subsidy to the above group of consumers equal to the difference between the determined tariff rate for the year 2019-20 and the present rate as per corresponding tariff structure including Govt. subsidy as applicable for 2017-18.

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- ii. The subsidy as mentioned above will be effective from 01/04/2019 on tariff determined for the year 2019-20 and shall continue till further notification/Tariff Order
- iii. If any difficulty arises in implementation of the above mentioned subsidy rate with effect from 01/04/2019, the Commission may request State Govt. for further directives in the matter.

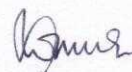
The State Government has also decided that resultant shortfall in revenue realization of WBSEDCL due to above decision shall be compensated upfront to WBSEDCL in terms of Regulation framed under section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

No subsidy shall be extended to the consumers under other tariff category.

The Commission may issue appropriate order as per above directive of the State Govt. This has the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O no. 4481-Gr.N dt. 21/12/2021 and no. Group R/2021-2022/0192 dt. 22/12/2021.

In addition, subsidy provided by the State Govt. under 'Hasir Alo' scheme vide order no: 53-POW-13012 (12)/2/2018-SECTION (POWER) dated 17.03.2020 shall continue.

Yours faithfully,


23.12.21
Special Secretary to the GoWB