



ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF
CASE NO. OA- 561/ 26-27

IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF AN
ESTIMATED COST RS. 47306.28 LAKH FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF NEW TRANSMISSION SCHEME OF WEST BENGAL STATE
ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED.

DATE: 13.08.2026



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CASE IN BRIEF

1. The instant petition has been filed on 10.04.2026 by West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (in short 'WBSETCL') for approval of Capital Expenditure of an estimated cost Rs. 47306.94 lakh for implementation of different transmission schemes in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 and Paragraph 4.1 (vi) of Schedule-2 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended from time to time (in short 'Tariff Regulations'). The Commission has admitted the application on 19.05.2026 and registered in Case No. OA-561/26-27.
2. On admission of the petition for approval of Capital Expenditure towards implementation of different transmission schemes in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 and Paragraph 4.1 (vi) of Schedule-2 of Tariff Regulations, WBSETCL was directed to publish the gist of the petition, as approved by the Commission. Accordingly, the gist was published in 'The Statesman', 'The Telegraph', 'Jugasankha' and 'Sangbad Pratidin' on 04.07.2026 for submission of suggestions and objections by the stakeholders, if any, on the application to the Commission within 21 days from the date of publication of gist. The approved gist of the Petition has also been published on the website of WBSETCL. Opportunities are offered to all to inspect the application and take copies thereof. No objection and suggestion have been received from any stakeholder within the stipulated date and time.
3. Following New Transmission schemes are included in this petition:

SL. No.	Description
1.	Construction of 132/33 KV GIS Substation at Sadarghat, Dist. Burdwan with 4 no. 132 kV feeder bays, 2x80 MVA, 132/33 kV Transformers, 13 no. 33 kV feeder bays and allied works.
	Construction of 132 KV M/C transmission line to make D/C LILO of Satgachia - Burdwan 132 kV D/C at proposed Sadarghat 132 kV GIS. (M/C RL = 16.5 KM).
2.	Construction of 220KV D/C LILO of Dalkhola (PGCIL) - Gazole 220 KV D/C line at proposed Raiganj 220 KV Substation. (D/C OH RL = 3.2 KM, M/C OH RL= 14.8 KM UG D/C RL=0.150 KM).



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3.	Construction of 132/33 kV GIS Sub-Station at Q-2 Industrial Park, Dist.-Hooghly with 02 no. 132 KV feeder bays, 2x50 MVA, 132/33 KV transformers, 12 nos. 33 KV feeder bays, 3x10 MVA, 33/11 KV transformers, 12 nos. 11 KV feeder bays and allied works.
	Construction of 2 no. 132 kV line Bay at Belmuri 220 kV Substation for connectivity with Q-2 Industrial Park 132/33/11 KV GIS Substation.
	Construction of 132 KV D/C transmission line from Belmuri 220 kV Substation to proposed Q-2 Industrial Park 132 kV GIS. (RL $\approx$ 9.0 KM D/C OH & 0.85 KM D/C UG Cable).
4.	Construction of 220KV transmission line to make LILO of New Town AA III – Subhasgram (PG) 220KV S/C Transmission Line at KLC Bantala 220KV Sub-Station (D/C OH RL=3.75 KM & S/C OH RL=0.16 Km approx.)
	Construction of 02 no. 220 KV line bays at KLC Bantala 220 KV Sub-Station for the above-mentioned work.

4. In the application, WBSETCL has submitted the brief description of the following schemes:

4.1 Establishment of 132/33 kV Gas Insulated Sub-station at Sadarghat, District - Burdwan (East) by D/C LILO of Satgachia-Burdwan 132 KV D/C transmission line at proposed Sadarghat 132 KV Sub-Station:

4.1.1 The Petitioner has proposed the establishment of a new 132/33 kV GIS Substation at Sadarghat within the existing Sadarghat 33/11 kV Substation premises of WBSEDCL in Purba Bardhaman District to cater to the growing electricity demand in and around Burdwan Town and to ensure reliable, quality, and uninterrupted power supply in the area.

4.1.2 The proposal has been necessitated by the increasing loading of the existing Burdwan 132 kV GIS Substation, whose maximum demand reached about 132 MVA against the installed capacity of 3×50 MVA, 132/33 kV transformers, coupled with constraints in accommodating additional 33 kV bays or further capacity augmentation at the existing station. The proposed Sadarghat 132/33 kV GIS is intended to share and offload the demand presently catered by Burdwan 132 kV GIS and to support future load growth while maintaining the N-1 reliability criterion.



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4.1.3 The Petitioner has submitted that several existing and proposed 33/11 kV substations in the vicinity are planned to be fed from the proposed Sadarghat 132/33 kV GIS, and the aggregated demand of these substations is expected to reach around 80 MVA.

4.1.4 The scheme has been incorporated in the Rolling Plan of WBSETCL up to 2030-31 with a target commissioning year of 2028-29, duly approved by the Board of Directors of WBSETCL. Following site inspection and feasibility assessment, the Engineering (Project) Department of WBSETCL has confirmed the suitability of the identified land, and steps have been initiated for obtaining permissive possession of approximately 1.33 acres of land within the Sadarghat 33/11 kV Substation premises from WBSEDCL.

4.1.5 For connectivity, the Petitioner has proposed LILO of the Satgachia–Burdwan 132 kV D/C transmission line, located about 7 km from the proposed substation. Load flow studies submitted by the Petitioner indicate that the proposed connectivity arrangement would be adequate to meet the projected demand.

4.1.6 Status of Land:

1.33 acres land at Mouza – Becharhat, JL No.-79, PS-Burdwan, District – Burdwan (East), West Bengal has been selected and finalized. LTS of this land for construction of this Sub-Station is in process. For drawl of 132 KV transmission line, Cost of Way-leave / crop compensation will be arranged as per prevailing norms / within the provision of the turnkey Supply & Erection Order.

4.1.7 The scheme is proposed to be completed within 24 months from the date of placement of the Letter of Award (LOA). The transmission scheme is targeted for commissioning within 2028-29.

4.2 LILO of Dalkhola - Gazole/ 220 kV D/C line of PGCIL at proposed Raiganj 220 KV Sub-Station:

4.2.1 The Petitioner has proposed the upgradation of the existing Raiganj 132/33/11 kV Substation to a 220/132/33/11 kV Substation in Uttar Dinajpur District with a view to ensuring adequate, reliable, and quality power supply in the areas served by Raiganj and adjoining regions of Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, and Malda districts. The proposed scheme is intended to



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strengthen the transmission network and cater to the projected growth in electricity demand while maintaining system reliability and voltage stability.

4.2.2 The Petitioner has submitted that the Raiganj 132/33 kV Substation is a strategically important node in the power system of North and South Dinajpur districts. The maximum demand at the substation reached approximately 128 MVA (June 2024) against the existing transformation capacity of 3×50 MVA, 132/33 kV transformers. The substation presently receives power primarily through connectivity with Dalkhola 220 kV Substation and is interconnected with Harischandrapur 132 kV Substation and Kushmundi 132 kV GIS Substation.

4.2.3 In the Rolling plan of WBSETCL up to 2030-31 with a target commissioning year of 2028-29, which was approved by the Board of Directors, WBSETCL through Resolution by Circulation on 26th November, 2025, the proposed upgradation has been considered to meet the increasing load demand of Raiganj and neighbouring substations, including Kushmundi, Gangarampur, and Balurghat 132 kV Substations, which have recorded significant peak demand levels in recent years. The scheme is also aimed at mitigating voltage-related issues reported by WBSEDCL and improving the overall reliability and operational flexibility of the transmission system in the region.

4.2.4 For providing 220 kV connectivity to the proposed upgraded substation, the Petitioner has proposed double-circuit LILO of the Dalkhola–Gazole 220 kV D/C transmission line of PGCIL, which passes in close proximity to the existing Raiganj Substation. The Petitioner has submitted that the necessary in-principle consent from the Central Transmission Utility (CTU) has already been obtained for the proposed connectivity arrangement.

4.2.5 Status of Land:

For drawl of 220 KV transmission line, Cost of Way-leave / crop compensation will be arranged as per prevailing norms / within the provision of the turnkey Supply & Erection Order.

4.2.6 The Scheme is proposed to be completed within 24 months from the date of placement of LOA. The Transmission Scheme is scheduled to be commissioned within 2028-29.



4.3 Establishment of 132/33/11 kV Gas Insulated Sub-station at Q-2 Industrial Park, District-Hooghly by drawl of 132 KV D/C transmission line from Belmuri 220 kV Substation to proposed Q-2 Industrial Park 132 kV GIS.

4.3.1 The Petitioner has proposed the establishment of a new 132/33/11 kV GIS Substation at the Q-2 Industrial Park, Amriya, Dadpur, Hooghly, along with associated 132 kV D/C transmission connectivity from Belmuri 220 kV Substation, to cater to the growing industrial and distribution load in the area and to ensure adequate, reliable, and quality power supply.

4.3.2 The proposal has been included in the Rolling Plan of WBSETCL up to 2030–31, which was approved by the Board of Directors, WBSETCL through Resolution by Circulation on 26th November, 2025. The proposed industrial park is expected to have an initial load demand of about 20 MVA.

4.3.3 The proposed substation is also intended to cater to the load of existing WBSEDCL substations, namely Maheswarpur, Khaserbheri, and Harit, whose aggregated demand is projected to reach around 50 MVA by the time of commissioning. The scheme is expected to improve voltage profile, reduce line losses, strengthen the transmission and distribution network in the area, and maintain system reliability under the N-1 contingency criterion.

4.3.4 The Petitioner has proposed installation of three 10 MVA, 33/11 kV transformers along with indoor 11 kV switchgear to facilitate supply to new HT consumers and industrial loads. Site feasibility studies conducted by WBSETCL have confirmed the suitability of the identified land, and permissive possession of approximately 1.65 acres of land at Mouza Amriya, District Hooghly, has already been obtained.

4.3.5 For connectivity, a 132 kV D/C transmission line from Belmuri 220 kV Substation to the proposed Q-2 GIS, comprising overhead line and underground cable sections, has been proposed. Load flow studies indicate that the proposed arrangement would be adequate to meet the projected demand. The scheme also includes construction of two 132 kV feeder bays at Belmuri 220 kV Substation for establishing the required transmission connectivity.

4.3.6 Status of Land:

1.65 acres of land at Mouza – Amriya, J.L No.-86, P.S. Dadpur, District -Hooghly, West Bengal has been selected and finalized. LTS of this land for construction of this Sub-Station



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is in process. 2 no. 132 kV line Bay at Belmuri 220 kV Substation for connectivity with Q-2 Industrial Park 132/33/11 KV GI Substation will be constructed within the vacant space of Belmuri 220 kV Substation. For drawl of 132 KV transmission line, Cost of Way-leave / crop compensation will be arranged as per prevailing norms / within the provision of the turnkey Supply & Erection Order.

4.3.7 The scheme is scheduled to be completed within 24 months from the date of placement of the Letter of Award (LOA), with commissioning of the proposed transmission scheme envisaged with a target commissioning year of 2028-29.

4.4 LILO of New Town AA-III - Subhasgram (PG) 220KV S/C Transmission Line at KLC Bantala 220KV Sub-Station along with construction of 02 no. 220 KV line bays at KLC Bantala 220 KV Sub-Station:

4.4.1 The Petitioner has proposed the construction of a Single Circuit (S/C) LILO of the New Town AA-III-Subhasgram 220 kV transmission line at KLC Bantala 220 kV Substation, along with the construction of two 220 kV line bays at KLC Bantala 220 kV Substation, to strengthen source connectivity and enhance the reliability of power supply in the area.

4.4.2 The proposal has been necessitated following the augmentation of the existing transformer capacity at KLC Bantala 220 kV Substation from 2 × 160 MVA to 2 × 200 MVA (220/132 kV) to cater to the continuous growth in demand. At present, the substation is fed through separate 220 kV source connections from New Town AA-III 220 kV Substation and Subhasgram 400 kV Substation, and the proposed LILO arrangement is intended to provide an additional source of supply and strengthen the transmission network.

4.4.3 The scheme has been incorporated in the Rolling Plan of WBSETCL up to 2030-31 with a target commissioning year of 2026-27, duly approved by the Board of Directors of WBSETCL, through Resolution by Circulation on 26th November, 2025.

4.4.4 The Petitioner has submitted that the scheme will improve system reliability, ensure adequate source support for the augmented transformer capacity, facilitate future load growth in Bantala and adjoining areas, and provide greater operational flexibility during contingencies,



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maintenance activities, or outage conditions. The proposed arrangement is also expected to enhance network security through multiple source feeding arrangements.

4.4.5 Status of Land:

Space is available inside the premises of existing KLC Bantala 220 KV Sub-Station for construction of 02 no. 220 KV bays. For drawl of 220 KV transmission line, Cost of Way-leave / crop compensation will be arranged as per prevailing norms / within the provision of the turnkey Supply & Erection Order.

4.4.6 The scheme is proposed to be executed within a period of 12 months from the date of placement of the Letter of Award (LOA), and is scheduled for commissioning during the financial year 2026-27.

5. Approval Reference of all these Projects:

Sl.no	Name of the Project	Approved by	Approval Ref.
1.	Construction of 132/33 kV GI Sub-Station at Sadarghat, Dist.-Burdwan (East).	BOD, WBSETCL	102 nd BOD held on 12.12.2025
	Construction of 132KV M/C Tr. Line to make D/C LILO of Satgachia - Burdwan 132 KV D/C line at proposed Sadarghat 132KV GIS (M/C RL=16.50 Km)		
2.	Construction of 220KV D/C or M/C Transmission Line to make LILO of Dalkhola - Gazole 220 kV D/C line of PGCIL at proposed Raiganj 220 KV Sub-Station.	BOD, WBSETCL	102 nd BOD held on 12.12.2025
3	Construction of 132/33 kV GI Sub-Station at Q-2 Industrial Park, Dist.-Hooghly and 2 no. 132 kV line Bay at Belmuri 220 kV SS	BOD, WBSETCL	104 th BOD held on 20.02.2026
	Construction of 132 KV D/C line from Belmuri 220 kV ss to proposed Q-2 Industrial Park 132 kV.		
4	Construction of LILO - New Town AA-III – Subhasgram 220 KV S/C transmission line at KLC Bantala 220 KV S/Stn. and construction of 02 no. 220 KV line bays at KLC Bantala 220 KV Sub-Station	BOD, WBSETCL	102 nd BOD held on 12.12.2025



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6. Funding arrangement:

The project is proposed to be funded through WBSETCL's Internal Resources (IR) and through domestic borrowings. The equity component (30%) is proposed to be met through Internal Resources (IR) and the loan component (70%) through domestic borrowings from any Financial Institution with a payback period of 10 years 6 months.

Interest During Construction based on the assumption that the project being financed from equity and loan in the ratio of 30:70 and the equity component being released simultaneously along with the loan component. The Interest During Construction (IDC) shall be computed based on the actual financing structure of the project and the applicable terms and conditions of the respective loan(s), including the prevailing rate(s) of interest.

7. Status of tender:

Tender for above-mentioned transmission schemes will be floated after completion of Pre-Tender Engineering stage.

8. Basis of Cost Estimate:

The unit rates for all equipment for transmission line & Bays have been considered from Latest Cost Data (which was prepared based on the unit equipment rate obtained from Procurement Department of WBSETCL). The cost estimates for equipment are inclusive of all Taxes & Duties.

9. Financial implication:

The project cost along-with DPRs for the 4 (four) projects are as given below:

SL. No.	Description	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	A. Construction of 132/33 KV GIS Substation at Sadarghat, Dist. Burdwan and allied works. TAA Order: CE/CPD/TAA/2025-26/214, Dated: 24.12.2025	
	a) Estimated cost for supply of materials including all	5256.62
	b) Estimated cost for erection of materials including all	237.09
	c) Estimated cost for civil construction	1374.80



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	d)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c)	6868.51
	e)	Supervision Charge (@10% on d)	686.85
	f)	Total Project Cost including Supervision (d+e)	7555.36
	g)	IDC	738.70
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision (f+g)		8294.06
	B.	Construction of 132 KV M/C transmission line to make D/C LILO of Satgachia Burdwan 132 kV D/C at proposed Sadarghat 132 kV GIS. TAA Order: CE/CPD/TAA/2025-26/215, Dated: 24.12.2025	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply of materials including all	2630.19
	b)	Estimated cost for erection of materials including all	3520.12
	c)	Estimated cost for civil construction	0
	d)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c)	6150.31
	e)	Supervision Charge (@10% on d)	615.03
	f)	Total Project Cost including Supervision (d+e)	6765.34
	g)	IDC	661.53
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision (f+g)		7426.87
	Total Project Cost (A+B)		15720.93
2.	A.	Construction of 220KV D/C LILO of Dalkhola (PGCIL) - Gazole 220 KV D/C line at proposed Raiganj 220 KV Substation. TAA Order: CE/CPD/TAA/2025-26/213, Dated: 24.12.2025	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply including all (OH Part)	7474.13
	b)	Estimated cost for supply including all (UG Part)	1101.52
	c)	Estimated cost for erection including all (OH Part)	4897.39
	d)	Estimated cost for erection including all (UG Part)	235.00
	e)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c+d)	13708.04
	f)	Supervision Charge (@10% on e)	1370.80
	g)	Total Project Cost including Supervision (e+f)	15078.84
	h)	IDC	1903.11
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision (g+h)		16981.95



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3.	A.	Construction of 132/33 kV GIS Sub-Station at Q-2 Industrial Park, Dist.-Hooghly and allied works. TAA Order: CE/CPD/TAA/2025-26/268, Dated: 06.03.2026	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply of materials including all	5265.31
	b)	Estimated cost for erection of materials including all	247.22
	c)	Estimated cost for civil construction	1791.47
	d)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c)	7304.00
	e)	Supervision Charge (@10% on d)	730.40
	f)	Project Cost including Supervision (d+e)	8034.40
	A1.	Construction of 2 no. 132 kV line Bay at Belmuri 220 kV Substation for connectivity with Q-2 Industrial Park 132/33/11 KV GIS Substation.	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply of materials including all	152.51
	b)	Estimated cost for erection of materials including all	11.20
	c)	Estimated cost for civil construction	44.30
	d)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c)	208.01
	e)	Supervision Charge (@10% on d)	20.80
	f)	Project Cost including Supervision (d+e)	228.81
	g)	Estimated Total Project Cost [A (f)+ A1(f)]	8263.21
	h)	IDC	807.92
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision [(g)+ (h)]		9071.13
	B.	Construction of 132 KV D/C transmission line from Belmuri 220 kV Substation to proposed Q-2 Industrial Park 132 kV GIS. TAA Order: CE/CPD/TAA/2025-26/269, Dated: 06.03.2026	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply including all (OH Part)	609.46
	b)	Estimated cost for supply including all (UG Part)	573.30
	c)	Estimated cost for erection including all (OH Part)	969.26
	d)	Estimated cost for erection including all (UG Part)	279.94
	e)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c+d)	2431.96



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	f)	Supervision Charge (@10% on e)	243.20
	g)	Total Project Cost including Supervision (e+f)	2675.16
	h)	IDC	261.58
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision(g+h)		2936.74
	Total Project Cost (A+A1+B)		12007.87
4.	A.	Construction of 220KV transmission line to make LILO of New Town AA III – Subhasgram (PG) 220KV S/C Transmission Line at KLC Bantala 220KV Sub-Station (TA Order: CE/CPD/TAA/2025-26/221, Dated: 02.01.2026)	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply of materials including all	962.81
	b)	Estimated cost for erection of materials including all	838.59
	c)	Estimated cost for civil construction	0
	d)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c)	1801.40
	e)	Supervision Charge (@10% on d)	180.14
	f)	Total Project Cost including Supervision (d+e)	1981.54
	g)	IDC	166.08
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision (f+g)		2147.62
	B.	Construction of 02 no. 220 KV line bays at KLC Bantala 220 KV Sub-Station for the above-mentioned work.	
	a)	Estimated cost for supply of materials including all	239.39
	b)	Estimated cost for erection of materials including all	20.45
	c)	Estimated cost for civil construction	115.82
	d)	Total Estimated Cost (a+b+c)	375.66
	e)	Supervision Charge (@10% on d)	37.57
	f)	Total Project Cost including Supervision (d+e)	413.23
	g)	IDC	34.68
	Project Cost including IDC & Supervision (f+g)		447.91
	Total Project Cost (A+B)		2595.53
	Grand Total (SL. No. 1+2+3+4)		47306.28



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OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

10. The Commission observes that, in terms of Regulation 2.8.2.3 of the WBERC Tariff Regulations, approval of the Commission for investment in new transmission project is mandatory after 31.12.2007. The Commission also observes that the regulation inter-alia specifies approval of the project shall be taken before investment is made in order to minimize the investment risk.
11. The Commission also observes that the projects will cater reliable and quality power to the existing and upcoming consumers in and around the areas of the construction of the substations, benefiting the consumers at the end.

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12. The Commission after consideration of all the facts and the project reports submitted by WBSETCL in their petition dated 10.04.2026, approves the investment proposal of Rs. 47306.28 Lakh in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 of Tariff Regulations.
13. The Commission also gives the following directions:
 - (i) For the purpose of capitalization WBSETCL will have to seek approval of the Commission for the project cost along with actual interest during construction and all actual expenditure incurred or apportioned to the project cost on account of spares, transportation, insurance, tax, establishment charges, and losses during construction and consultancy charges and also any actual expenditure met out of contingency. WBSETCL is to provide the cost break-up of each scheme showing the actual vis-à-vis estimation included in the total project cost as above.
 - (ii) WBSETCL shall ensure proper metering arrangement in line with Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 as amended from time to time and arrangement for real time data display at SLDC control room before energization of the sub-station and associated Transmission Systems.
 - (iii) On completion of each project WBSETCL shall submit the COD and a benefit analysis of the project separately before the Commission.



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- (iv) Original project cost is required to be approved showing the details of deviations from its investment plan along with reasons of such deviations in terms of Regulation 2.8.5 of the WBERC Tariff Regulations. Commission may disallow any excess of project cost on capitalization over approved cost if it finds the justifications furnished are not adequate.

14. The Petition is thus disposed of.

15. WBSETCL 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/-

(DR. MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO)
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 13.08.2026

Sd/-

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WBERC