



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. SM - 35 / 23 - 24**

SUO-MOTU ORDER OF THE COMMISSION REGARDING SUBSIDY TO ALL DOMESTIC CONSUMERS HAVING CONTRACT DEMAND UPTO 0.3 KW AND MONTHLY CONSUMPTION UPTO 25 UNIT (FOR MONTHLY BILLING SYSTEM) OR QUARTERLY CONSUMPTION UPTO 75 UNIT (FOR QUARTERLY BILLING SYSTEM) FOLLOWING THE CLARIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT VIDE MEMO NO. 72-S(P)/2023 DATED JULY 4, 2023.

**PRESENT:
SRI MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO, CHAIRPERSON
SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER**

DATE: 14.07.2023



Suo-Motu order for providing to the domestic consumers having contract demand upto 0.3 kW and monthly consumption upto 25 unit (for monthly billing system) or quarterly consumption upto 75 unit (for quarterly billing system) following the clarification provided by the State Government vide Memo No. 72-S(P)/2023 dated July 4, 2023



FACTS IN BRIEF

- 1.0 The Commission vide orders dated 31.03.2020 in Case No. A-6/14/GO has directed WBSEDCL, CESC and IPCL to extend the benefit of subsidy under “Hasir Alo” scheme to the class of consumers as granted by the State Government vide Memo No. 53-POW-13012(12)/2/2018-SECTION(POWER) dated March 17, 2020.
- 2.0 Subsequently, the Commission vide order dated 24.01.2022 in Case No. B-11/23 directed WBSEDCL to comply with the direction of the State Government towards extension of subsidy following the letter of State Government vide Memo No. 152-POW-13012(12)/2/2018 dated December 23, 2021.
- 3.0 The Commission has framed West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2023 vide Notification No. 76/WBERC dated 13.03.2023.
- 4.0 Now, the Department of Power, Government of West Bengal (in short the ‘State Government’) vide its letter under Memo No. 72-S(P)/2023 dated July 4, 2023 provided following clarification regarding eligibility of subsidy:

“ In view of Notification WBERC/75 dated March 13, 2023 of WBERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2023, this is to clarify that the eligibility as per Government subsidy order communicated vide Memo No. 53-POW-13012(12)/2/2018-SECTION(POWER) dated March 17, 2020 and Memo No. 152-POW-13012(12)/2/2018 dated December 23, 2021 will continue for all domestic consumers as prevalent prior to promulgation of above amendment of WBERC Tariff Regulation subject to fulfilment of contract demand upto 0.3 kW and monthly consumption upto 25 unit (for monthly billing system) or quarterly consumption upto 75 unit (for quarterly billing system).”



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- 5.0 In terms of section 65 of the Electricity Act 2003, the State Government can provide subsidy to any consumers or class of consumers as required by the State Government, subject to the conditions specified under first proviso the section 65 of the Act.

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- 6.0 Accordingly, the Commission directs WBSEDCL, CESC and IPCL to provide subsidy to the eligible consumers in line with directions given in order of the Commission dated 31.03.2020 in Case No. A-6/14/GO and order dated 24.01.2022 in Case No. B-11/23 read with the clarification of the State Government vide Memo No. 72-S(P)/2023 dated July 4, 2023.
- 7.0 A copy of the order shall be posted in the website of the Commission.
- 8.0 WBSEDCL, CESC and IPCL 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/-

(MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO)

CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 14.07.2023

Sd/-

SECRETARY