

To,
The Chief General Manager (RAC),
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Sub : Objections against payment and collection of charges by power companies -
 Regd.

Sir,

I draw your attention to the Section 45 which gives powers to Discoms to recover fixed charges, rent on meters etc and consumption charges from any consumers. 45 (4) states that Discoms shall not show undue preference or discrimination to any persons or class of persons. Section 46 gives power to recover expenditure incurred in providing any electric lines to supply powers.

The Discoms are not charging either consumption charges, electric lines provision expenditure and not fixing any meter to measure the actual consumption at all agricultural consumption points. The information about the exact power consumption for agricultural use is not available. The tariff also subsidizes to various consumers like those involved in poultry, Pisciculture, salons, laundries, power looms, agro based activities, cottage industries etc. The subsidized power is supplied to metro rail and HMWSSB. As on February 2021, HMWSSB subsidy dues from the State Government were Rs.1850 crores by now it must have crossed about 2400 crores. Similarly the Mission Bhagirat which is supplying drinking water to rest of the state must be due to Discoms for a huge amount. The mission Bhagirat is taking loans to the tune of Rs 2500 crores to meet its expenditure on operations and maintenance of its network. The Discoms are unable to collect the arrears to the tune of about 300 crores pending for more than 6 months. NPDCL must also have such arrears which it is not collecting. Dues from Government buildings are also not being collected. The Discoms are not disconnecting them. The TSSPDCL has taken a decision to write-off the bad debts to the tune of about 200 crores. Similarly NPDCL might have bad debts again to a tune of Rs 200 Crores.

Both the Discoms have projected their short fall of Rs. 22000 crores for 2 years of 2022 and 2023. The true up charges pertaining to 2019-20 and 2020-21 will be added to it. Since the last couple of years the State Government has not released the total subsidy amount. It is generally agreed that any tariff to different sections of consumers shall be minus or plus 20% of ACS. If this is allowed by ERC, Discoms are generating stations or transmission companies need not look for the State Government subsidy to dole out. If not let the commission insist the State Government to pay in advance 100% subsidy amount as per section 65.

There are a number of cases in our State where Central and State Government undertakings are closed. All private industries in those lines are running profitably. Any production oriented or service rendering organization must operate and conduct its Plot 56, Laxmi Mega Township Ragannaguda Rangareddy District – 501510 grkarunakar@gmail.com
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activities both technically, administratively and financially to stand and sustain on its own revenues and efficiency.

For various reasons the cost of inputs(prices of coal and transportation) are increasing year after year. The consumer spread is increasing. The capital cost is increasing. The administrative cost is increasing. The operational and maintenance cost is also increasing. The thefts are increasing. Last but most importantly corruption is also increasing. As a consequence the cost of providing the service will also increase. It applies to power, water, transport, sewerage, civil supplies, health, education etc.

The Central Government has directed the financing institutions to stop funding if the power sector companies do not reform their administration both technically and financially. The Discoms have not submitted both ARRs and tariff proposals to TSERC for a couple of years since 2014. How did ERC allow the Discoms to continue collections on tariff approved some five years ago? The Discoms have also not collected from those subsidized consumers as per the approval five years ago. ERC has not taken any action.

Suppose the State Government does not appoint the Chairman and members of the ERC, what difference does it make for Discoms or power sector to run the show as they have been doing for the last 5-6 years? Who dares to cancel the distribution license?

I bring to the kind attention of the commission the present political environment of freebies promises. All unethical and corrupt election promises at the cost of public taxes will doom each and every Government Department and the Government will not be in a position to even help the most needy and helpless citizen. I request the commission to save the power sector companies and be a driving force for the country to become Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

With Regards

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