

**CHHATTISGARH STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RAIPUR**



Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co. Ltd. P. No. 103/2025 (T)

**Present: Vivek Ganodwale, Member (Law)
Ajay Kumar Singh, Member (Tech)**

In the matter of –

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. (CSPDCL) Petition for final true-up for FY 2024-25, approval of ARR for the Control Period from FY 2026-27 to FY 2029-30 and determination of Retail Tariff for FY 2026-27.

ORDER

(Passed on 15/06/2026)

1. As per provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred as 'the Act') and the Tariff Policy, the Commission has notified the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations, 2025 (hereinafter referred as 'CSERC MYT Regulations, 2025') for determination of tariff for the generating company, transmission licensee, distribution licensees and CSLDC which is applicable for control period from FY 2026-27 to FY 2029-30.
2. The Commission had notified the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff according to Multi-Year Tariff principles and Methodology and Procedure for determination of Expected revenue from Tariff and Charges) Regulations, 2021 (hereinafter referred as 'CSERC MYT Regulations, 2021') for determination of tariff for the generating company, transmission licensee, distribution licensees, and CSLDC, which is applicable for

truing up for FY 2024-25 for the generating company, transmission licensee, distribution licensees and CSLDC.

3. This order is passed under the provisions of Section 62 read with Section 86(1) of the Act in respect of the petition filed by CSPDCL for final true-up for FY 2024-25 and determination of ARR for the control period from FY 2026-27 to FY 2029-30 and retail tariff for FY 2026-27.
4. The Commission, before passing this order on the above petition, has considered the documents filed along with the petition, supplementary information obtained after technical validation, suggestions emerging from CSPDCL, the consumers, their representatives and other stakeholders during the Public Hearing.
5. The petition was made available for perusal of public and stakeholders on the Commission's website and petitioner's websites. Hard copies of the petition were also made available at the offices of the petitioner for above purpose. Apart from these, for wide publicity a public notice along with the gist of the petition was also published in newspapers widely circulated in the State, inviting objections/suggestions as per the procedure laid down in the regulations. The Commission also conducted public hearings on 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th February 2026 on the petition. The Commission called a meeting of members of the State Advisory Committee on 21st February 2026, for seeking their valuable suggestions and comments.
6. The Commission has undertaken final true-up of ARR for FY 2024-25 for CSPDCL, based on the audited accounts submitted by CSPDCL and in accordance with the provisions of the CSERC MYT Regulations, 2021.
7. The revenue gap/(surplus) of CSPGCL, CSPTCL and CSLDC arising out of true-up for FY 2024-25, along with impact of order dated 25th March 2026 passed in review petition no. 90 of 2025 filed by CSPDCL for review of Tariff Order for FY 2025-26, is taken into account while computing the cumulative revenue gap/(surplus) to be allowed for CSPDCL for FY 2026-27.
8. The Revenue Gap of CSPDCL after applying the carrying cost for FY 2024-25 up to FY 2026-27 is approved as Rs. 2,778.77 Crore, as against Rs. 5,599.37 Crore sought by CSPDCL.

9. The Commission has approved the capitalisation for the MYT control period considering approved Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for the MYT Control Period and the past trend of capitalisation.
10. In its Petition, CSPDCL has sought approval for stand-alone ARR Rs. 25,460.30 Crore for FY 2026-27. However, in its revised submission dated 11th March 2026, CSPDCL submitted that the final stand-alone ARR is Rs. 25,455.80 Crore for FY 2026-27. As against the proposed ARR, the Commission, after prudence check and due scrutiny, has approved the ARR at Rs. 25,109.58 Crore. The Commission has also considered Rs. 646.42 Crore revenue from sale of surplus power for FY 2026-27. Finally, the Commission has approved stand-alone surplus of Rs. 2,222.79 Crore at existing Tariff against a revised Surplus of Rs. 760.42 Crore as proposed by CSPDCL.
11. CSPDCL, in its Petition for FY 2026-27, has sought approval for cumulative Revenue Gap of Rs. 7,064.16 Crore pertaining to previous years, along with the carrying cost. In its revised submission dated 11th March 2026, CSPDCL has claimed cumulative Revenue Gap of Rs. 7,066.47 Crore pertaining to previous years, along with the carrying cost. As against this, the Commission, after prudence check and due scrutiny, has arrived at a cumulative Revenue Gap of Rs. 3,884.29 Crore for previous years, for CSPDCL along with the carrying cost.
12. Accordingly, the net ARR for recovery through tariff for FY 2026-27 has been approved as Rs. 28,347.45 Crore for CSPDCL, as against the net ARR of Rs. 32,522.27 Crore sought by CSPDCL in its revised submission dated 11th March 2026. The adjusted ACoS has been approved as Rs. 7.13/kWh for FY 2026-27, compared to the effective ACoS of Rs. 8.40/kWh claimed by CSPDCL for FY 2026-27.
13. The primary objective of the Commission is to protect the interest of the consumer and at the same time ensuring recovery of reasonable and justified cost by CSPDCL. The Commission in this Order has taken various steps to balance interest of consumer and Utility.
14. The average tariff increase effectively as per CSPDCL's Petition was 24% to meet the Revenue Gap which translates to Rs. 1.63/kWh. The Average Billing Rate (ABR) estimated by the Commission at the existing tariff for FY 2026-27 is Rs. 6.71/kWh.

Hence, the Commission has approved average tariff increase across all consumer categories of 6.23%, which translates to 42 paise/kWh.

15. In order to recover the net Revenue Gap of Rs. 1,661.50 Crore, the Commission has approved increase in the category-wise Tariff for FY 2026-27.
16. The tariff increase approved for different categories is reasonable and comparable to prevalent inflation indices. The Commission has also given certain directions to CSPDCL for improving its operational efficiency including improvement in metering, billing and collection efficiency.
17. As regards rationalisation of tariff categories and category-wise tariff, the Commission has made the following changes in this order as compared to the tariff categories approved in the previous tariff order:
 - a) Offices of local bodies, has been shifted from LV-2: non-domestic category to LV-1: domestic category
 - b) Tariff for Street light and public water works of CG Housing Board colonies has been shifted from LV-6: public utility category to LV-1: domestic category.
 - c) Tariff specified for EV charging has been made applicable to consumers opting for minus metering facility.
 - d) Student hostels located in Bastar avem Dakshin Kshetra Adivasi Vikas Pradhikaran area and Sarguja avem Uttar Kshetra Adivasi Vikas Pradhikaran area notified vide order dated August 22, 2005, have been shifted from LV-2: non-domestic category to LV-1: domestic category.
 - e) A discount of 25% on energy charges has been made applicable to mobile towers set up in Bastar avem Dakshin Kshetra Adivasi Vikas Pradhikaran area and Sarguja avem Uttar Kshetra Adivasi Vikas Pradhikaran area notified vide order dated August 22, 2005.
 - f) Concession on energy charges for non-subsidized agriculture pump connections has been increased from 30% to 40%.
 - g) Temporary connection availed for domestic light and fan under LV-1 tariff category will be billed at normal domestic tariff after completion 2 years period.

- h) For Consumers of LV-1, LV-2.1, LV-2.2 (A) category having sanctioned load above 10 KW, a TOD discount of Rs. 0.20 per kWh shall be applicable for consumption recorded during in Off-peak load period (Solar Hours) i.e. from 09:00 hours to 17:00 hours.
- i) Provisions for incremental Power factor incentive and incremental surcharge have been made.
- j) Delay payment surcharge has been changed from 1.5% per month to 0.04% per day.
- k) Rebate for LV consumers with pre-paid meter has been changed from 1.5% to 1% on energy charge (excluding FPPAS).
- l) Rate for advance payment rebate has been changed from 1.25% per month to 0.75% per month.
- m) Applicable transaction charges for online/digital payment, if any, shall be borne by the consumers.
- n) Provision of automatic re-instatement of sanctioned load has been extended to tariff category LV-4.1 (A) and LV-4.1 (B) also.
- o) Stone mines, stone mines with stone crusher unit, has been shifted from tariff category HV-2: Mines to tariff category HV-3: Other Industrial and General Purpose Non-Industrial.
- p) Iron mines, iron mines with washery/beneficiation have been included in tariff category HV-2: Mines.
- q) Standalone iron washery/beneficiation plant has been included in tariff category HV-4: Steel Industries.
- r) Consumers availing 100% of power supply from CSPDCL shall only be eligible for tariff category of load factor less than or equal to 15% at 33 kV and 11 kV voltage level under HV-4 Category.
- s) Only small/mini-micro hydro generators excluding biomass generating plants are exempted from payment of demand charge for the first five years from the date of commercial operation of their power plant,
- t) Tariff category HV-11: Electric Vehicle charging stations, has also been made applicable to auxiliary power requirement of solar power plants.

- u) Solar energy generators located in the State and achieving COD between 27.12.2023 (unless otherwise exempted by the Commission) and 31.10.2026 and supplying power through long-term/medium-term Open Access shall be required to pay 33% of the applicable transmission charges for a period of seven years from the COD.
 - v) Solar energy generators achieving COD after 31.10.2026 and supplying power through long-term/medium-term Open Access shall be required to pay 100% of the applicable transmission charges.
 - w) No cross-subsidy surcharge shall be payable in case a consumer procures power from waste to energy power plants and energy generated from green hydrogen and green ammonia through open access.
 - x) Tariff for the consumers, who have co-located captive generating plants and have reduced their contract demand to zero, has been specified in this order as Rs.15.82 per kWh.
18. The approved Tariff Schedule applicable is appended herewith as **Schedule**.
19. The Order will be applicable from 1st July 2026 and will remain in force till March 31, 2027, or till the issue of the next Tariff Order, whichever is later.
20. The Commission directs the CSPDCL to take appropriate steps to implement the Tariff Order.

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