



**TELANGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION HYDERABAD**  
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O.P.No.16 of 2020

Dated: 23.04.2020

Present

Sri T. Sriranga Rao, Chairman  
Sri M. D. Manohar Raju, Member (Technical)  
Sri Bandaru Krishnaiah, Member (Finance)

**Suo-Moto Orders on implementation of the directions of the Government of Telangana to the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 regarding relief measures to Industries**

**ORDER**

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) vide its order No.40-3/2020-DM (I) (A) dated 24.03.2020 has imposed lockdown with certain exceptions in all parts of the country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 pandemic in the country. This lockdown was further extended from 15.04.2020 to 03.05.2020.

2) Likewise, the Government of Telangana (GoTS) vide G.O.Ms.No.45, dated 22.03.2020 and G.O.Ms.No.46 dated 22.03.2020 has notified lockdown in the entire State of Telangana till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the State. Subsequently, vide G.O.Ms.No.54, dated 28.03.2020, G.O.Ms.No.57, dated 12.04.2020 and G.O.Ms.No.60, dated 19.04.2020 the lockdown period has been extended upto 07.05.2020. The operations related to electricity supply viz., power generation, transmission and distribution have been exempted under the lockdown to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

3) The GoTS has also considered the issue of payment of electricity charges. The government through department of Industries and Commerce vide G.O.Ms.No.4 dated 22.04.2020, has issued orders as below.

- “2. Government of Telangana has issued orders for closure of all shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories, workshops, godowns pertaining to non-essential commodities in view of social distancing for containment of the pandemic COVID-19.
3. Industrial Associations, in this regard, have represented to the Government that the industrial units work on a precarious state of finances and any minor disruptions in their regular flow of works will upset their production and cash flows and their overall health is affected. While the loss and difficulties of workers and employees is predictable, it is equally difficult for units and businesses to pay the salaries and wages by taking additional loans while foregoing the production and revenues. The Industrial associations have informed that the Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME) units with zero/minimum financial reserves may be worst hit by the current prevailing situation and requested for relief measures to save the MSME sector in the state.
4. The requests of the Industry Associations were discussed in the cabinet meeting held on 19.04.2020. After detailed discussions, Government hereby decides to extend the following relief measures to the Industries in Telangana:
 

**“Electricity Bills during the lockdown period will be collected as per actual consumption only and the fixed charges for the same period shall be deferred till 31.05.2020 without any penalty and interest. Further, those industries which pay the bills within due date shall get 1 percent rebate of billed amount.”**
5. The Energy Department is requested to take necessary action accordingly.”

4) The Energy Department, GoTS, vide letter No.393/BUDGET/2020, dated 22.04.2020 has conveyed the above-decision of the Government of Telangana to the Commission under the powers conferred under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for necessary action duly enclosing the above said GO. In the above-mentioned letter the Energy Department stated as below:

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2. I am to inform you that keeping in view the imposition of Lockdown upto 07.05.2020 in the State for containment of COVID–19 epidemic and considering the hardship faced by the Industries, Government hereby decides to extend the following relief measures to the Industries in Telangana:

**“Electricity Bills during the lockdown period will be collected as per actual consumption only and the fixed charges for the same period shall be deferred till 31.05.2020 without any penalty and interest. Further, those industries which pay the bills within due date shall get 1 percent rebate of billed amount.”**

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5) In order to mitigate the situation and also to give effect to the decision of the

Government of Telangana, the Commission undertakes to decide and pass the present order.

6) The Commission is inclined to accept the directions of the Government of Telangana under section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and is of the view that the TSDISCOMs and the Co-operative Electric Supply Society Ltd., Sircilla (CESS) shall give effect to the orders of the government as suggested in the above mentioned order of the government.

7) The Commission at the same time is also conscious of the loss that is occasioned to the TSDiscoms and CESS due to the reliefs given above. The TSDiscoms and CESS are permitted to raise the necessary funds for working capital required to give effect to the above stated reliefs during the period for which the relief is extended. They are required to place the details of the total expenditure incurred towards raising the additional working capital along with the loss sustained by them before the Commission after expiry of the lockdown period. The same will be examined by the Commission at a later date.

8) Accordingly, the Commission hereby directs the TSDISCOMs and CESS in the state of Telangana to give effect to the directions of the Government of Telangana as referred to in main paragraphs (3) and (4) above. With these observations, this petition is disposed of.

***This order is corrected and signed on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.***

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(BANDARU KRISHNAIAH)	(M.D. MANOHAR RAJU)	(T. SRIRANGA RAO)
MEMBER	MEMBER	CHAIRMAN

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