## ORISSA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAWAN UNIT-VIII, BHUBANESWAR-751 012

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Present: Shri D.K.Roy, Chairman Shri H.S. Sahu, Member

## Case No.11 of 2000

Director (Engg.), OERC ..... Petitioner

- Vrs. -

M.D., CESCO, Bhubaneswar .... Respondent

For petitioner : Mr. B.K. Sahu, Director (Engg.)

For Respondent : Mr. L. Pangari, Advocate

Date of argument: **09.06.2000** 

Date of Order : 16.07.2001

## ORDER

- 1. A show-cause notice was issued to M/s CESCO on 1.5.2000 for its failure to restore power supply to all the villages affected by Super Cyclone and Lift Irrigation points by 31.3.2000, even though, CESCO has categorically assured the Commission to complete the said work by 31.3.2000.
- 2. CESCO in its reply dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 has indicated the following reasons for which it could not complete the work by the targeted date.
  - (a) The right of way for construction of overhead electrical lines was not available due to standing Rabi crops. Further, in some cases the affected villagers wanted for diversion of electrical line in place of lines existing prior to cyclone.
  - (b) The line materials which were provided for restoration of power supply to a particular area were stolen by miscreants, in some cases.
  - (c) Although the licensee has placed orders for supply of materials, there has been delay in the delivery of the materials due to pending payment to the

suppliers. No loan or grant has been received by CESCO for restoration work.

(d) During the Super Cyclone, the CESCO has sustained damage, the cost of restoration as estimated by them being about Rs.130 cores. However, CESCO has not received any funds approved by the World Bank for restoration of power supply.

CESCO has submitted that due to the aforesaid reasons, it was not able to complete the restoration work by 31.3.2000.

2.1 The funds received by CESCO for Cyclone restoration work till 31.5.2000 is indicated below:

<b>Date</b>	Rs. in crores	<b>Money received</b>
Nov./Dec.'99	1.18	CESCO
05.1.2000	1.70	Grant from AES
18.1.2000	2.00	GRIDCO
27.1.2000	2.00	CESCO
5.2.2000	1.00	CESCO
20.3.2000	0.58	GRIDCO
		(Reimbursement from W.B.)
Total	8.46	

- 3. Considering the above difficulties, the Commission has granted time upto 31.5.2000 for completion of the restoration work.
- 4. However, in the meanwhile the restoration work has progressed considerably. Against, 19062 villages affected, 18912 villages have been restored by 31.3.2001, leaving a balance of 150 villages. Similarly, out of 6909 L.I. Points affected, by 31.3.2000, 6201 L.I. points have been restored leaving a balance of 708 L.I. points. Progress of restoration of remaining L.I. points are being monitored regularly in Director's Level Meeting.

Therefore, there is no reason to continue the proceedings. Hence it is closed.

(H.S. SAHU) MEMBER (D.K. ROY) CHAIRMAN

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**Dt.16.07.2001** Order is ready and pronounced as per separate sheets.

MEMBER (S)

**CHAIRMAN**