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

True copy of the order dtd.04.04.2006 passed by the Commission in Case No.02/2006

Mr. Mihir Kumar Ray & others ---- Petitioner

Vrs.

Executive Director, NESCO & Others ---- Respondent

Dt.04.04.2006 : Mr. Sushil Kun

Mr. Sushil Kumar Pattanayak is present for the petitioners. Mr. J.M. Vashishat, Executive Director, Mr. S. Bhuyan, S.E., Elec. Circle and Mr. B.S. Parida, Executive Engineer, CED, Balasore are also present for the respondents.

Mr. Pattanayak on behalf of the petitioners submitted that assurance was given to them for extending power supply to their villages as well as for the lift irrigation points. Further they were asked to furnish necessary security for which 147 of them made necessary deposit with the licensee. After receipt of security money, some of them were served with energy bills by the CED, Balasore, even without power supply.

The petitioner further submitted that in their areas poles have been left erected without drawing overhead lines reportedly under PMU scheme. They requested that the licensee may be directed for completing these works and extending power supply to their villages as well as to the lift irrigation points.

On behalf of the licensee, it was submitted that the villagers were given assurance for electrification charging to PMU works. Village electrification is not covered under PMU works and the assurance given by the officers was regretted. The Licensee also pointed out that it requires at least Rs.10.2 lakh to complete village

electrification alone. Besides this, additional expenditure will be required for drawing 11 KV lines for power supply to lift irrigation points. As soon as appropriate schemes are sanctioned for rural electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyut Vikash Jojana, the villages would be electrified. Lift irrigation points would be energized after necessary deposit has been made by the prospective consumers based on the estimate to be framed by the licensee. If the prospective consumers, so desires they can take back their security deposit.

The Commission after extensive hearing of both parties orders as follows: -

The licensee is directed to get the village electrification done on priority basis during the current financial year under RGGVY Scheme. Further, the licensee will frame an estimate on the realistic basis following guidelines prescribed by the Commission for extension of power supply and serve the estimate to the prospective LI consumers within a period of one week. On receipt of deposit money, the work must be completed expeditiously.

The petition is disposed off.

Sd/-(S.K. Jena) Member Sd/-(D.C. Sahoo) Chairperson