

MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, BHOPAL

Sub : In the matter of petition for Agriculture/Horticulture Processing/Allied Industries in Rural Area Supply to Gram Panchayat Area as per State Govt. Notification No. 2010/F13/05/13/2006 dated 25th March 2006.

ORDER

(Date of hearing 19.12.2011)

Date of order 22.12.2011

M/s Horticulture & Farm Forestry Dept., Govt. of M.P., Bhopal

Petitioner

Shri R.S. Goyal and Shri R.C. Somai, Consultants, appeared on behalf of petitioner Horticulture & Farm Forestry Dept., Govt. of M.P., Bhopal.

2. The subject petition has been filed by the Director Horticulture & Farm Forestry Dept., Govt. of M.P., Bhopal. The petitioner has made the following requests in the petition.

- (I) Separate tariff for Horticulture/agriculture based industries may be given as per Tariff Order for the year 2006-07 for the following industries –
- Horticulture and allied activities including the nurseries/green/poly houses, cold storage/cold chain units, fruits/flowers/vegetables/species cultivation as well as processing activities and other industries like floor Mills, Rice Mills, Dal Mills, Khandsari Sugar Mills, Gur (Jaggary), Ginning and Pressing, dairy, aquaculture, sericulture, fisheries pond and others covered in the tariff order for the year 2006-07 under tariff schedule LV-5.2.
- (II) (i) The cultivators may be allowed to run their industries with their electricity connections availed for agriculture pumps.
(ii) Fixed charges may be abolished.
(iii) Energy charges may be at a concessional rate for rural areas when compared with the urban areas.
- (III) Ensured and continuous power supply of atleast 8 hours during the day for fixed hours.

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3. The Commission held the hearing on 19.12.2011. During the course of hearing it has been observed that the issues raised in the petition relate to the fixation of tariff for a particular consumer category i.e. tariff schedule 5.2 of the present Tariff Order for FY 2011-12. The petitioner has requested for reconsideration of tariff schedule 5.2 in light of the fact that agro industries may not be compared with the other industries as these depend on the agriculture related activities. The Commission observed that the present Tariff Order will remain applicable upto 31.03.2012. The period allowed for review of Tariff Order, as specified in the Regulations, is already over for the tariff order for FY 2011-12 and therefore petition for review made by the petitioner at this juncture is not admissible. The Distribution Companies have already filed petition in respect of determination of ARR and Distribution and Retail Supply Tariff for the year 2012-13 and the process for determination of tariff for FY 2012-13 has begun. The petitioner may submit views/suggestions on the ARR tariff petitions filed by the Distribution Companies after the issue of public notice for inviting comments.

4. With the above directions, the petition stands disposed of.

Ordered accordingly.

sd/-

(C.S. Sharma)
Member

sd/-

(Rakesh Sahni)
Chairman