ORDER

Sub: Grant of stay and recovery of 50% of the Amount assessed in theft of energy cases.

It has been observed that in some cases of theft of energy falling within the ambit of Corporate Level Settlement Committee, stay orders for recovery of compensated/assessed amount are granted by officers, whereas in such cases only CMD Jodhpur Discom is the competent authority for grant of stay. In some cases, officers entertain the cases of theft of energy even without recovery of 50% of the amount compensated/assessed. The above mentioned practices are not correct. For the guidance of the field officers, the following instructions are hereby issued for compliance:

1. It is to kept in mind that in cases of theft of energy once settled under the Compensation schemes of the Nigam, the aggrieved consumer can approach one Level Higher Settlement Committee instead of relevant Settlement Committee as per normal financial limit within two months from the date of detection of theft, in accordance of the provisions of Order No.Comml.70 dt.16-06-1995. For example, the normal financial limit of CE Level Settlement Committee is 3 lacs and that of Circle Level Settlement Committee is Rs.1 lac but while entertaining the cases of theft of energy once agreed by consumer for accepting one time settlement amount or assessment served, the CE Level Settlement Committee can entertain the cases upto the financial powers of Circle Level Settlement Committee i.e. upto the financial limit of Rs.1 lac only.

2. Instalments of compensated/assessed amount in theft cases are being granted by the SE/XEN’s of the respective Circle/Division which is in contravention to the rules in this regard. However, in deserving cases, stay up to 50% amount only could be granted by the Chairman of the competent settlement committee which shall hear the case.

3. In cases of theft of energy which have not been compensated, the respective Settlement Committee can entertain cases only after the consumer deposits 50% of the amount assessed. The Chairman of the respective Settlement Committee is authorised to grant stay only for the recovery of balance 50% in full or part. Such Committee can give relief upto 25% of the amount assessed. However, if Committee feels that in some particular case relief of more than 25% is desirable, then the decision has to be got approved/ratified by the immediate higher level settlement Committee.

4. The stay should be granted for one month period at the first instance and it should be ensured by the concerned settlement committee to settle the case within the one month of registration of the case. However, if it is not possible to settle the case within one month, the period of stay already granted can be extended suitably upto a maximum period of four months i.e. in further three span of one month each.

The above instructions should be strictly followed by all concerned.

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