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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (POWER) DEPARTMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 33, Puducherry, dated 1st September 2023)

ORDER

The Electricity Department has stated *vide* I.D. Note No. 1165/ED/SE/HoD/EHV/PLCC & Lines/F.RoW/2017-2018, dated 04-04-2018 of the Superintending Engineer-*cum*-Head of Department, Electricity Department, Puducherry, under the powers conferred in Electricity Act, 2003 and Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, compensation is being paid only for the crop damages while erection of towers and stringing of transmission lines based on the rates assessed by the concerned Revenue Authorities for

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the various type of crops damaged and various type of trees removed which are essentially required to have adequate clearance as per the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 as detailed below:

| Voltage Class | | Ground Clearance (vertical) | Sectional Clearance (horizontal) |
|---------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) | (2) | | |
| Not exceeding | 66 KV | 4.00 m | 3.00 m |
| Not exceeding | 132 KV | 4.60 m | 3.50 m |
| Not exceeding | 220 KV | 5.50 m | 4.30 m |
| Not exceeding | 400 KV | 8.00 m | 6.50 m |

2. The Electricity Department has also stated that in the recent past, the Department has been receiving demand for payment of compensation for affected land due to laying of EHV lines. As there is no provision for payment of compensation for the affected land, the land owners are objecting to erect towers and to string transmission lines in their land, due to which the execution of works relating to the transmission line is getting delayed.

3. The Electricity Department has further stated that the Ministry of Power, Government of India, had formulated Guidelines regarding the payment of compensation for land towards damages in regard to Right of Way for Transmission lines as stipulated in sections 67 and 68 of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with sections 10 and 16 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, which will be in addition to the compensation towards normal crop and tree damages. The said amount will be payable only of transmission lines supported by a tower base of 66 KV and above and not for sub-transmission lines and distribution lines below 66 KV as follows:

(i) Compensation @ 85% of land value as determined by District Magistrate or any other Authority based on Circle Rate/Guideline Value/Stamp Act rates for tower base area (between four legs) impacted severely due to installation of Tower/Pylon structure.

(ii) Compensation towards diminution of land value in the width of Right of Way Corridor due to laying of transmission lines and imposing certain restriction would be decided by the States as per categorization/type of land in different places of States, subject to a maximum of 15% of land value as determined based on Circle rate/Guideline value/Stamp Act rates.

(iii) In areas where land owner/owners have been offered/accepted alternate mode of compensation by concerned Corporation/Municipality under Transfer Development Rights (TDR) Policy of State, the Licensee/Utility shall deposit compensation amount as per (i) and (ii) above with the concerned Corporation/Municipality/Local Body or the State Government.

(iv) For this purpose, the width of Right of Way Corridor shall not be more than that prescribed in the Table below and shall not be less than the width directly below the conductors.

Right of Way Width for different voltage line as per the Ministry of Environment and Forests Guidelines, dated 05-05-2014, is as follows:

| Transmission Voltage | Width of Right of Way (in metres) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 66 KV | 18 |
| 110 KV | 22 |
| 132 KV | 27 |
| 220 KV | 35 |
| 400 KV SC | 46 |
| 400 KV DC | 46 |
| +/- 500 KV HVDC | 52 |
| 765 KV SC (with delta configuration) | 64 |
| 765 KV DC | 67 |
| +/- 800 KV HVDC | 69 |
| 1200 KV | 89 |

4. The Electricity Department has requested for adoption of the Government of India Guidelines as this would not only facilitate an early resolution for right of way issues, but, also for completion of the vital transmission lines.

5. The Government of Puducherry, after examination of the proposal has decided to adopt the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India for payment of compensation towards damages in regard to Right of Way for transmission line communicated *vide* Letter No. 3/7/2015-Trans., dated 15-10-2015 from the Ministry of Power, Government of India Guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regard to Right of Way for transmission lines.

6. Accordingly, approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is hereby conveyed for adoption of Government of India, Ministry of Power Guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regard to Right of Way for transmission lines covering 110 KV, 132 KV and 230 KV lines and above as below, subject to the condition that it will be applicable to ongoing and new works.

(i) Compensation @ 85% of land value as determined by District Magistrate or any other Authority based on Circle rate/Guideline value/Stamp Act rates for tower base area (between four legs).

(ii) Compensation towards diminution of land value in the width of Right of Way (RoW) Corridor due to laying of transmission lines, subject to a maximum of 15% of land value as determined based on Circle rate/Guideline value/Stamp Act rates.

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. Note No. 475/FD/F3/FC/2021-22, dated 24-09-2021.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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