Taluk hospitals to remain open 24/7 under health dept's new policy

ANMs, ASHA workers to visit pregnant women to assess early risks

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Taluk hospitals in the state will soon be open and functional 24/7, in a bid to provide support to pregnant women through specialists and more staff.

This is one of the many measures under 'Mission Zero Preventable Deaths' which *DH* has learnt the health department will soon be rolling out, after the proposal received an in principle go-ahead from CM Siddaramaiah.

In a review meeting with the CM on Tuesday, health department officials said 1,205 of the 3,927 vacant Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) posts and 300 of the 2,930 vacant health inspector posts had been approved for recruitment.

These measures would ensure that maternal deaths are brought to zero, under the yet-to-be-announced policy.

"Under the policy, ANMs and ASHA workers will visit pregnant women at their homes regularly and help in identifying risks early. We are also looking at having a doctor, preferably a gynaecologist, visit expectant mothers. We will bring out this plan shortly," Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao told *DH*.

A key point that emerged from the review meeting was about hospitals recruiting obstetricians and anaesthetists as per delivery rates.

"Doctors from hospitals with low delivery rates will be redeployed and availability of specialists must be ensured in taluk hospitals," department officials said.

The state's Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) stood at 69 deaths per lakh in 2018-20. According to the government, in 2022-24, this came down to 55 deaths per one lakh people, which is lower than the national average.

The health and family welfare department has utilised Rs 6,593 crore of the budget amount of Rs 11,182 crore received this financial year.

The department will work to make the medicine procurement process more transparent. "We are calling for tenders this month and will be issuing a government order shortly about having an IAS officer head the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited," Rao said.

'HMP virus not dangerous'

Dr Ansar Ahmed, project director, Integrated Surveillance Disease Program (IDSP), apprised the CM about the current status of HMP virus.

He conveyed that these are old strains that are not dangerous and the cases are part of a normal phenomena observed in winter.

"Unnecessary testing should be seriously avoided by labs and private hospitals. There is no need to panic as this is not life-threatening," he said.

Undetected allergic reaction can lead to cardiac events in kids: Experts

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Following the death of an eight-year-old girl due to sudden cardiac arrest in Chamarajanagar, paediatricians have noted that such sudden cardiac events are extremely rare and could occur due to inherited conditions or severe allergic reactions.

"Most cases do not present with any tell-tale signs. There could be multiple causes for such sudden deaths. Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM) is a well-known condition that is seen in children as well. Atherosclerosis (hardening of arteries) or a massive myocardial infarction (heart attack) could also occur," said Dr Manjunath Sharma, a paediatrician in south Bengaluru.

He added that a pre-existing but undetected condition is most likely the reason why sudden cardiac events occur.

A severe undetected allergic reaction could also lead to a severe cardiac event, noted another doctor.

Dr Rajath Athreya, lead neonatologist and senior consultant pediatric at a private hospital, said there is a possibility of anaphylaxis or severe allergic reaction that can cause the body to go into shock, narrowing airways and dropping one's blood pressure.

Thorough evaluation

"Some conditions are so rare that they might not be picked up early (antenatal or postnatal periods). However, if you have a child willing to go for an extreme competitive sport, then getting a thorough evaluation, including a cardiac test, is recommended," he said.

Dr Dhanalakshmi R, paediatrician, neonatologist and lactation consultant at a private hospital, said the eight-year-old child's case was rare as there were no health variations.

"When it comes to examining the child, diet and allergies are important to track. In such cases, it could also be due to familial inheritance of cardiac issues or arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat)," she said.

She highlighted that eating disorders could also cause Vitamin D deficiency, which could have an impact on overall health of children.

"It is important for parents to ensure that there is a balance of regular physical exercise as well as regulated amount of screen time in the child's life," she added.

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

NOTIFICATION

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, No. 16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. HESCOM/ DF/CA/DCA/AO(RA)/24-25/Cys: 7185

Dated: 06-01-2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application for Approval of Annual Performance Review (APR) for FY 2023-24, approval of ARR (Aggregate Revenue Requirement) and ERC (Expected Revenue from Charges) for FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28 under Multi Year Tariff principles in accordance with the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Transmission, Distribution and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2024 of Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM), Hubli-580 025 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reforms Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations.

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM)
P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubli-580025

.....PETITIONER

NOTICE

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM) has filed an application before the Hon'ble Commission for Approval of APR for FY 2023-24, approval of ARR and ERC for FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28 under Multi Year Tariff principles in accordance with Section 61 & 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Hon'ble Commission has treated it as petition in terms of Tariff regulations subject to further verification & validation.

1. NEED FOR REVISION:

As per Regulation No. 4.2(ii) of the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Transmission, Distribution and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2024, HESCOM has filed a Multi-Year Tariff petition comprising the forecast of ARR, expected revenue from existing Tariff and Charges, expected revenue gap and proposed Tariff and Charges for each year of the Control Period, i.e., FY 2025-26, FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28.

A revenue deficit arises due to the mismatch between the revenue receipts from existing tariff and Aggregate Revenue Requirement of HESCOM as detailed below, including subsidy from GOK:

Year	Revenue Receipts Rs. in Crores	Revenue Requirement Rs. in Crores	Revenue Deficit Rs. in Crores	Average cost of supply Rs. /unit
1	2	3	4 (3-2)	5
2023-24	13765.14	13414.33	(-) 350.81 *	8.60
2025-26	12267.23	13589.08	1321.85	9.21
		Total Gap	971.04	
2026-27	12733.14	14464.44	1731.30	9.44
2027-28	13255.89	15263.57	2007.68	9.99

* (As per Annual reports of HESCOM, for FY-24, total surplus is Rs. 350.81 Crs.)

Annual Revenue Requirement for the Control Period FY2025-26 to FY2027-28:

Amount in Crs.

Particulars	FY2025-26	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
A. Estimated Annual Revenue Requirement			
(a) Power Purchase Cost	9961.81	10592.98	11168.59
(b) O&M Charges	2063.41	2210.62	2368.78
(c) Depreciation	601.85	638.32	672.26
(d) Interest & Finance Charges	811.10	899.21	965.38
(e) Return on Equity	0	0	0
(f) Other Charges	12.53	13.74	15.06
(g) Less: Other Income	374.35	401.44	433.34
(h) Government Portion of Contribution to P&G Trust payable by consumers, as per the decision of the Government	512.73	511.02	506.84
Total	13589.09	14464.44	15263.57
B. Estimated Expected Revenue from Charges @ existing tariff rates			
(a) Tariff Charges	11990.09	12444.91	12956.13
(b) Miscellaneous Charges	277.15	288.23	299.76
Total	12267.24	12733.14	13255.89
Revenue Deficit (A-B) — Government Portion of Contribution to P&G Trust payable by consumers, as per the decision of the Government	512.73	511.02	506.84
Revenue Deficit (A-B) — Due to other components of estimate Annual Revenue Requirement	809.12	1220.28	1500.84
Total	1321.85	1731.30	2007.68
Revenue Surplus of FY 2023-24 carried forward	(-) 350.81	0	0
Revenue Deficit Total	971.04	1731.30	2007.68

There is a Revenue surplus of Rs. 350.81 Crs. for FY 2023-24 and Rs. 1321.85 Crs. of deficit is expected for FY 2025-26. Net deficit for FY 2025-26 is Rs. 971.04 Crs. Deficit of Rs. 1731.30 Crs. and Rs. 2007.68 Crs is expected for FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 respectively. Hence, the revision in tariff is very essential. HESCOM plans to recover Rs. 971.04 Crs in FY 25-26, Rs. 1731.30 Crs in FY 26-27 and Rs. 2007.68 Crs in FY 27-28 from the proposed revision of Tariff. HESCOM has submitted its application for approval of Annual Performance Review for FY 23-24 and approval of ARR and ERC for the Retail Supply Business and for the Distribution Business for FY 25-26 to FY 27-28.

2. PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASE: It is proposed to increase the tariff applicable to various categories of consumers as shown in **Annexure-1.**
3. Pursuant to Regulation-11.8 of Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Transmission, Distribution and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2024, It is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same with the Receiving Officer, O/o The Secretary, KERC, No. 16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru-560 052, along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in six sets, duly supported by an affidavit **within Thirty days from the date of publication** of this Tariff Notification in the Newspapers and also to indicate whether they want to be heard in person or not. A copy of the objection may be marked to The Controller, Corporate office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi-580 025 for furnishing replies to the said objections. Interested persons may file their objections within the stipulated time.
4. For reference of those who are interested, copies of the petition are available for inspection at all O&M Zonal / Circle / Divisional Offices of HESCOM, and also at Corporate Office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi-580 025, during office working hours within 10 working days of the publication.
5. They may also obtain copies of the required portion of the petition by paying photocopying charges.
6. Further, a full set of petition together with supporting material will also be made available to the interested persons by all Chief Engineers (El) Zonal Offices, Superintending Engineers (El) O&M Circle Offices, Executive Engineers (El) O&M Division offices and at Corporate Office of HESCOM on payment of Rs. 100.00 (Rs. One Hundred Only) +applicable GST (Special price).
7. The soft copy of the ERC/Tariff application, Commission's preliminary observations & Compliance of HESCOM can be viewed on HESCOM's website (hescom.karnataka.gov.in). Further it can also be obtained from Regulatory Affairs section Corporate Office, Hubballi by sending mail to e-mail ID: dcara.hescom@gmail.com.

For Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited

Controller
HESCOM, P. B. Road, Navanagar,
Hubballi 580025

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Statement Showing the Details of Existing Tariff and Proposed Tariff.

Annexure-1

Sl. No.	Tariff Category	Type of Installation	Slab		Existing Tariff FY 2024-25 Fixed Charges (in Rs.)	Existing Tariff FY 2024-25 Energy Charges (Rs/kWh)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2025-26 Fixed Charges (in Rs.)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2025-26 Energy Charges (Rs/kWh)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2025-26 Government Portion of Pension & Gratuity Contribution to be collected from consumers, as per the decision of the Government (Rs/kWh)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2026-27 Fixed Charges (in Rs.)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2026-27 Energy Charges (Rs/kWh)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2026-27 Government Portion of Pension & Gratuity Contribution to be collected from consumers, as per the decision of the Government (Rs/kWh)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2027-28 Fixed Charges (in Rs.)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2027-28 Energy Charges (Rs/kWh)	Proposed Tariff for FY 2027-28 Government Portion of Pension & Gratuity Contribution to be collected from consumers, as per the decision of the Government (Rs/kWh)
1	LT-1	Domestic	With SL upto 50 KW	Per KW / Month	120.00	5.90	160.00	5.59	0.36	190.00	6.15	0.35	200.00	6.22	0.33
			For Every Addl. KW above 50 KW	Per KW / Month	210.00		250.00			280.00			290.00		
2	LT-2	Private Educational Institutions	With SL upto 50 KW	Per KW / Month	180.00	7.25	220.00	7.24	0.36	250.00	7.50	0.35	260.00	7.57	0.33
			For Every Addl. KW above 50 KW	Per KW / Month	290.00		290.00			320.00			330.00		
3	LT-3(a)	Commercial	With SL upto 50 KW	Per KW / Month	210.00	8.00	250.00	7.99	0.36	280.00	8.25	0.35	290.00	8.32	0.33
			For Every Addl. KW above 50 KW	Per KW / Month	300.00		340.00			370.00			380.00		
		Commercial - Demand Based Tariff	With SL upto 50 KW	Per KW / Month	220.00	8.00	260.00	7.99	0.36	290.00	8.25	0.35	300.00	8.32	0.33
			For Every Addl. KW above 50 KW	Per KW / Month	320.00		360.00			390.00			400.00		
4	LT-3(b)	Commercial-Advertisement & Hoardings	All installations	Per KW / Month	200.00	10.50	240.00	10.49	0.36	270.00	10.75	0.35	280.00	10.82	0.33
5	LT-4(a)	IP sets - 10 HP and below	All installations	Per unit / Month		7.40		7.39	0.36		7.65	0.35		7.72	0.33
6	LT-4(b)	IP sets - Above 10 HP	All installations	Per HP / Month	135.00	4.10	175.00	4.09	0.36	205.00	4.35	0.35	215.00	4.42	0.33
7	LT-4(c)	Private Horticulture Nurseries, Coffee & Tea Plantations	All installations	Per HP / Month	135.00	4.25	175.00	4.24	0.36	205.00	4.50	0.35	215.00	4.57	0.33
8	LT-5	Industries	With SL < 100HP	Per HP / Month	140.00	6.10	180.00	6.09	0.36	210.00	6.35	0.35	220.00	6.42	0.33
			With SL => 100HP	Per HP / Month	250.00		290.00			320.00			330.00		
		Industries - Demand Based Tariff	With SL < 100HP	Per KW / Month	190.00	6.10	230.00	6.09	0.36	260.00	6.35	0.35	270.00	6.42	0.33
			With SL => 100HP	Per KW / Month	300.00		340.00			370.00			380.00		
9	LT-6(a)	Water Supply	With SL below 67 HP	Per HP / Month	160.00	5.50	220.00	5.49	0.36	250.00	5.75	0.35	260.00	5.82	0.33
			For Every Addl. HP above 67 HP	Per HP / Month	275.00		315.00			345.00			355.00		
10	LT-6(b)	Public Lighting	All installations	Per KW / Month	150.00	7.00	220.00	6.99	0.36	250.00	7.25	0.35	260.00	7.32	0.33
		Public Lighting (LED)	All installations	Per KW / Month	180.00	6.00	220.00	5.99	0.36	250.00	6.25	0.35	260.00	6.32	0.33
11	LT 6(c) (LT)	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	With SL upto 50 KW	Per KW / Month	70.00	4.50	110.00	4.49	0.36	140.00	4.75	0.35	150.00	4.82	0.33
			For Every Addl. KW above 50 KW	Per KW / Month	170.00		210.00			240.00			250.00		
	LT 6(c) (HT)	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	All installations	Per KVA / Month	200.00		240.00			270.00			280.00		
12	LT-7	Temporary Power Supply	All installations	Per KW / Month	200.00	11.50	240.00	11.49	0.36	270.00	11.75	0.35	280.00	11.82	0.33
13	HT-1	Water Supply	All installations	Per KVA / Month	340.00	6.25	380.00	6.24	0.36	410.00	6.50	0.35	420.00	6.57	0.33
14	HT-2(a)	Industries	All installations	Per KVA / Month	340.00	6.90	380.00	6.89	0.36	410.00	7.15	0.35	420.00	7.22	0.33
		Railway Traction & Effluent Treatment Plants	All installations	Per KVA / Month	340.00	6.50	380.00	6.49	0.36	410.00	6.75	0.35	420.00	6.82	0.33
15	HT-2(b)	Commercial	All installations	Per KVA / Month	365.00	8.00	405.00	7.99	0.36	435.00	8.25	0.35	445.00	8.32	0.33
16	HT-2(c)(i)	Hospitals / educational institutions- Govt	All installations	Per KVA / Month	290.00	7.10	330.00	7.09	0.36	360.00	7.35	0.35	370.00	7.42	0.33
17	HT-2(c)(ii)	Hospitals / educational institutions-Private	All installations	Per KVA / Month	340.00	8.10	380.00	8.09	0.36	410.00	8.35	0.35	420.00	8.42	0.33
18	HT-3	LI Schemes (Other than Govt)	All installations	Per HP / Month	150.00	1.50	190.00	1.49	0.36	220.00	1.75	0.35	230.00	1.82	0.33
19	HT-4	Residential Apartments	All installations	Per KVA / Month	290.00	7.25	330.00	7.24	0.36	360.00	7.50	0.35	370.00	7.57	0.33
20	HT-5	Temporary Power Supply	All installations	Per HP / Month	400.00	11.50	440.00	11.49	0.36	470.00	11.75	0.35	480.00	11.82	0.33
21	HT-6	Irrigation & Agricultural Farms	All installations	Per HP / Month	150.00	5.50	190.00	5.49	0.36	220.00	5.75	0.35	230.00	5.82	0.33
22	HT-7	LI Schemes (Govt)	All installations	Per HP / Month	150.00	4.75	190.00	4.74	0.36	220.00	5.00	0.35	230.00	5.07	0.33

LAST DATE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS IS 06-02-2025 (6th FEB 2025)