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Distribution Policy and Regulations Division

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सेवा में,  
As per list

विषय: SERCs/ JERCs to ensure compliance of Discoms for the use of only patented seals - reg.

महोदया/ महोदय,

As you are aware that the 'Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations' was notified in 2006 with its subsequent amendments in 2010, 2014, 2019 and 2022. Regulation 12 (1) 'Sealing of meters' of the subject Regulation, specifies the sealing arrangement of all meters to be done at various sealing points. Reg. 12 (1) (d) mandates that,

"Only the patented seals (seal from the manufacturer who has official right to manufacture the seal) shall be used."

Further, Reg. 12 (2) (b) also specifies that "....Any tampering, breaking or removing the seal from the meter shall be dealt with as per relevant provisions of the Act."

However, it has come to the notice of the Authority, that many distribution licensees are resorting to use of non-patented seals, which amounts to violation of the subject Regulations. In this regard, it is mentioned that Section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003, states that,

"Section 50. (The Electricity Supply Code): The State Commission shall specify an electricity supply code to provide for recovery of electricity charges, intervals for billing of electricity charges, disconnection of supply of electricity for non-payment thereof, restoration of supply of electricity; measures for preventing tampering, distress or damage to electrical plant, or electrical line or meter, entry of distribution licensee or any person acting on his behalf for disconnecting supply and for such other entry for replacing, altering or maintaining electric lines or electrical plants or meters and such other matters."

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It is also mentioned that Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 provides for Punishment for non-compliance of the provisions of the Act or the Rules or Regulations made thereunder. Relevant section of the Act is reproduced hereunder:

*"Section 142. (Punishment for non-compliance of directions by Appropriate Commission): In case any complaint is filed before the Appropriate Commission by any person or if that Commission is satisfied that any person has contravened any of the provisions of this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder, or any direction issued by the Commission, the Appropriate Commission may after giving such person an opportunity of being heard in the matter, by order in writing, direct that, without prejudice to any other penalty to which he may be liable under this Act, such person shall pay, by way of penalty, which shall not exceed one lakh rupees for each contravention and in case of a continuing failure with an additional penalty which may extend to six thousand rupees for every day during which the failure continues after contravention of the first such direction."*

The failure to comply with the above provision of the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 by the DISCOMs is liable to attract Punishment under Section 142 of the Act.

In view of the above, the following information is required to be provided by SERCs :

- Status of notification of Electricity Supply Code by SERCs and JERCs as per section 50 of the Act and the relevant provision in the Electricity Supply Code regarding use of patented seals in the meter.
- Mechanism for monitoring the compliance of the provisions of the subject Regulations made under the Electricity Act 2003, especially the provision of use of only the patented seals in the meter.
- List of Discoms found in contravention of this provision in last three (3) years.
- Penal action taken by the SERCs and JERCs against the non-complying Distribution licensees.

The information may be provided to this office within 30 days of issuance of this letter at [cedpra@gov.in](mailto:cedpra@gov.in)

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Memo No: HESCOM/GM(T)/EE (RA)/AEE-2/23-24

Date:

19 MAY 2023

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