

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

**Review Petition No. 03 of 2024
in Petition No. 32 of 2023**

Date of Hearing: 02.04.2025

Date of Order: 03.04.2025

Review Petition under section 94 (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 64 of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 as amended on 08.09.2012 seeking Review of the Judgment and order dated 25.04.2024.

And

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, The Mall, Patiala-147001

...Petitioner

Commission: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL: Ms. Poorva Saigal, Advocate (through VC)
Sh. Harjeet Singh, ASE/TR-5
Sh. N.S Chahal, Dy.CE/Non-APDRP
Sh. S.R Vashist, CE/DP
Sh. Rattandeep Singh, Addl.SE
Ms. Amrita Sehra, ASE/Metering
Ms. Rajwinder Kaur, Sr.Xen

ORDER

The Review Petition was taken up for hearing. Vide order dated 24.01.2025, PSPCL was directed to submit the information as detailed in the order. PSPCL has submitted the information vide memo no. 5451 dated 13.03.2025. The Commission raised queries in the matter as under:

1. During the hearing, the counsel of PSPCL submitted that according to a report dated 12.03.2025 submitted in the Lok Sabha by Standing Committee on Energy, the Ministry of power has sought a two-year extension for the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) until FY 2028 to achieve its intended targets. PSPCL has also sought two year extension of the RDSS Scheme.
2. Vide reply letter dated 15.01.2025, PSPCL had submitted that the price bids of smart metering in respect of system metering work were opened on 13.11.2024 which are higher by 21.15% than the DPR cost. Also, in respect of consumer smart metering work, the rates are 31.48% to 56.50% works higher than DPR costs. Further, the tenders are under evaluation/ negotiation. The Commission observed that despite higher rates of smart meters discovered through tender enquiries by PSPCL, PSPCL has sought only approved project cost which is Rs.

5746.95 Crore vide its latest reply dated 13.03.2025. PSPCL to provide the latest smart metering costs evaluated / negotiated in respect of smart metering works and source of funding of the costs over and above the DPR costs. PSPCL is also directed to check and submit the rates of other states in respect of smart metering works to be executed under RDSS Scheme

3. PSPCL vide reply dated 01.12.2023 in petition No. 32 of 2023 had submitted that it proposes to execute a total expenditure of Rs. 10698.57 Crore during FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26, which includes capital investment plan of Rs. 5785.12 Crore for works against RDSS scheme and Rs. 4913.45 Crore against approved capital investment plan for 3rd MYT Control Period of Rs. 6047.33 Crore for various Generation & Distribution Schemes of PSPCL (Except Rs. 1133 Crore works common under 3rd MYT and RDSS scheme). PSPCL had also submitted that the balance work of Rs. 3856.75 Crore shall be executed during FY 2026-27 under RDSS Scheme due to spill over.

However, vide reply dated 13.03.2025 PSPCL had submitted that it will execute works of Rs. 1810 Crore (including grant of Rs. 1086 Crore) during 3rd MYT control period and rest of the works will be done during FY 2026-27 and afterwards. In view of above, PSPCL to submit the updated Capital Investment Plan/Financing Plan of 3rd MYT control period including capital investment plan of the works to be executed under RDSS Scheme. PSPCL is also directed to plan the capital works in respect of loss reduction schemes for 4th MYT control period (FY 2026-27 to FY 2028-29) keeping in view the works to be executed under RDSS Scheme during this period.

The Ld. Counsel for the Review Petitioner requested for time to file its reply in this regard on affidavit. The same may be filed by PSPCL within two weeks. The Review Petition shall be taken up for hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **03.04.2025**