

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 63 of 2021
Date of Order: 02.03.2022

Petition for the approval of revised scope/cost of the works already approved in MYT 2020-23 and for the inclusion of New works of Urgent Nature as Capital works in the MYT Control Period FY 2020-21 to FY2022-23 under Regulation-9 of PSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Generation, Transmission, Wheeling and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2019.

AND

In the matter of: Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited, The Mall, Patiala.
.....Petitioner

Present: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member
Mr. Paramjeet Singh, Member

ORDER:

1. Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL) has filed the present petition for approval of revised scope/cost of the works already approved in MYT 2020-23 and for the inclusion of new works of Urgent Nature as Capital works in the MYT Control Period FY 2020-21 to FY2022-23.
2. The submissions of PSTCL are summarized as under:
 - 2.1 PSTCL filed Petition No. 19 of 2019 for the approval of Business Plan including Capital Investment Plan for MYT Control Period from FY 2020-21 to 2022-23. The Commission has pronounced the order dated 03.12.2019 on the said petition. The total Capital Investment Plan (CIP) of Rs.1837.77

Crore was approved for FY 2020-21 to 2022-23, detailed as under:

Rs. Crore

Particulars	Approved by the Commission			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total
Transmission Business	612.78	618.35	550.20	1781.33
SLDC Business	25.22	17.79	13.42	56.43
Total Capital Investment	638.00	636.14	563.62	1837.77

- 2.2 Subsequently, while deciding PSTCL's ARR Petition No. 29 of 2019 for the 2nd MYT Control Period, the Commission vide order dated 01.06.2020, capped the Capital Investment of PSTCL to Rs. 400 Crore during each year for the 2nd MYT from FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 and thus amended the CIP order dated 3.12.2019 to that extent, detailed as under:

Rs. Crore

Particulars	Approved by the Commission			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total
Transmission Business	374.78	382.20	386.58	1143.56
SLDC Business	25.22	17.80	13.42	56.43
Total Capital Investment	400	400	400	1200

- 2.3 a) The CIP approved has a provision of lump sum year wise budget to include "Urgent/feasibility related works as per PSPCL requirement (Sr. No. 29)", "Augmentation of Bus bars, extension in Control Room Building, providing room for second source for station Battery etc. (Sr. No. 69)", "Additional 220/132/66 kV line bays related with feasibility cases or as per PSPCL Requirement (Sr. No. 70)", "Best Practices recommended by Protection Sub Committee of NRPC in operation & construction of Sub Stations (Sr. No. 88)" and "Unforeseen emergency works (Sr. No. 92)". PSTCL has planned various Transmission works under the above said heads after 1.04.2020 up to till date and Revised Capex on account of said heads is as under:

Sr. No. as per MYT	Approved Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
29	5.57	5.88	26.08	37.53	11.45	0	13.55	25
69	7.80	8.24	7.11	23.15	6.87	6.27	0	13.14
70	11.14	9.41	8.30	28.85	5.64	1.9	0	7.54
88	5.57	5.88	5.93	17.38	0.45	0	0	0.45
92	5.57	5.88	5.93	17.38	2.04	1.59	0	3.63
				124.29				49.76

b) PSTCL has issued some amendments with the approval of BOD's, involving scope/cost revised in the already approved works of MYT 2020-23. Revised Capex on account of this is as under:

Sr. No. as per MYT	Approved Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
2 of Table 15	0.02	0	0	0.02	0	0.06	0	0.06
31 of Table 17	5.57	8.82	8.89	23.28	0	14.39	22.27	36.66
Amend no. 15/2021-22 dtd 26.07.21 approved vide PSERC order dated 8.01.2021 against Petition no. 37 of 2020	To be funded by PSPCL as upfront Payment			3.71	To be funded by PSPCL as upfront Payment			4.77
	4.5		3.5	8.0	15.38		11.97	27.35
132 of Table 11	2.23	4.71	3.76	10.7	0	48.09	27.09	75.18
133 of Table 11	2.23	4.71	1.94	8.88	0			
134 of Table 11	2.23	4.71	1.94	8.88	0			
135 of Table 11	2.23	5.36	4.74	12.33	0			
23,24,25 of Table 17	14.26	15.12	16.11	45.49	0	25.52	14.22	39.74

Sr. No. as per MYT	Approved Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
85 of Table 17	0.28	0.59	0.3	1.17	Work Deleted			0
86 of Table 17	1.11	2.35	2.37	5.83	Work Deleted			0
				128.29				183.76

c) Apart from above, PSTCL has also issued amendments for new works, as the works are urgent and BODs of PSTCL have approved these to be carried out in MYT 2020-23. Additional Capex required on account of this is as under:

Sr. No. as per MYT	Description of Work	Proposed Capex (Rs. Crore.) (incl EC @ 15% & IDC @ 10.13%)				
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	spill	TOTAL
New Work	Installation of bus couplers at various 220kV & 132 kV S/S	5.919	5.919	5.92	0.00	17.758
New Work	Upgradation of 66 KV substation old patiala to 220 KV substation	0.00	25	34	2.909	61.909
New Work	400 KV S/stn. Dhanansu	0.00	32	36	5.304	73.304
						152.971

3. An emergency requirement of 80 nos. Interface Energy Meters (ABT Type) of 0.2s accuracy class emerged for the purpose of replacement of old defective EDMI make Boundary Meters installed at PSTCL Substations, for commissioning/ Integration of Substation Automation System (SAS) at 5 nos. 220kV Substations i.e. Mohali-1, Mohali-2, Lalru, Derabassi and Kharar and for new lines/transformers. The estimated fund requirement for procurement of 80 nos. meters was taken as Rs. 48 Lacs. (i.e. @Rs. 60,000/- per meter).

Sr. No. as per MYT	Description of Work	Proposed Capex (Rs. Crore)			
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
New Work	80 nos. Interface Energy Meters (ABT Type) of 0.2s accuracy class	0.0	0.30	0.18	0.48

PSTCL has further mentioned that the aforesaid EDM I make energy meters are installed at the interface points of PSTCL grid system at inter-state and intra-state level and are being used for calculation of energy account/transmission loss purposes. These meters are mostly out of warranty period and time drift has been observed in these meters. Few meters have become defective as their display/downloading ports are not functioning. Steps were being taken to replace these defective energy meters by utilizing few meters which were available as spare or by dismantling meters from non-critical locations. However, all the spares have now been consumed. Also, no support from the supplier is available and energy meters under SAMAST scheme may take time as work order is yet to be placed.

In view of this immediate requirement of aforesaid ABT type energy meters (0.2s accuracy class), tender Enquiry no. SLDC/146/2020 was floated by this office for procurement of 80 nos. Energy meters. These meters shall be SAMAST compliant and can be integrated into SAMAST AMR system in later stage. As per the current status, Purchase order dated 12.07.2021 has been placed on M/s. Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd. @ Rs 35125 /- per meter (all inclusive FOR rate). As such total cost of procurement comes out to be Rs 28.10 Lac.

Accordingly, CE/SLDC Agenda no. 2/SCADA-1104 dated 31.03.2021 was placed before BODs/PSTCL to accord approval for procurement of 80 nos. ABT type energy meters being emergent in nature, BOD's in its 66th meeting held on 27.05.2021 approved the work being emergent requirement.

4. PSTCL submits that total Capex of Rs.32.26 Crore was approved by PSERC for SAMAST project in Capital Investment Plan of MYT for 2nd Control Period 2020-23, detailed as under:

Rs. Crore

Name of the Work	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
Implementation of SAMAST scheme in Punjab	12.17	11.33	8.75	32.26

- a) As per actual L-1 prices received, the total cost of the project quoted is Rs. 37.27 Crore (all inclusive) which comprises of about Rs. 21.66 Crore as Initial Cost to be paid up to commissioning of the project, Rs. 15.18 Crore as Comprehensive Warranty-cum-AMC Cost of 6 years and Rs. 0.43 Crore as Recurring charges for communication network for 1st year of AMC.
- b) Anticipating start of project in Oct' 21, the tentative year wise Capital and O&M (Revenue) costs as per actual L-1 prices received is as under:-

Description of Requirement	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total
Capital Cost (in Rs. Crore) (Including IDC @ 9.25%)	6.14	16.38	22.52
O&M Cost (AMC & Recurring Telecom Usage Charges)	Rs. 2.96 Crore per year for 6 years after commissioning. (Total Rs. 17.76 Crore)		

- c) PSTCL submits that a grant amounting to Rs. 12.22 Crore has been sanctioned by PSDF for this SAMAST Project, which will

also be utilized to meet the capital cost of the project as per the following details.

Year	Description of Fund	Tentative Amount Required	Source of Fund
FY 2021-22	Capital Fund	Rs. 6.14 Cr.	Rs. 1.22 Crore (approx.) from 10% PSDF grant already received. Rs 4.92 Crore (approx.) from Capital fund approved in MYT 2020-23.
FY 2022-23	Capital Fund	Rs. 16.38 Cr.	Rs. 11.00 Crore (approx.) from PSDF grant. Rs. 5.38 Crore (approx.) from Capital fund approved in MYT 2020-23

d) O&M Cost of this SAMAST project on account of AMC and Recurring Telecom usage charges will be claimed in PSTCL ARR @ 2.96 Cr. Per year i.e.as per the actual L-1 Prices received, over and above the Base year figures for calculating normative R&M. Revised Capex for SAMAST scheme works out to be Rs 10.30 Crore (Rs. 4.92 Crore + Rs. 5.38 Crore).

5. Manpower Requirement for Samast Scheme:

For achieving full functionality as proposed under SAMAST project, additional manpower will be required (in phases) as soon as the project is commissioned. The Project Commissioning time is 1 year from the date of Notification of Award.

The requirement of additional manpower is being dealt separately under Strengthening of SLDC by posting manpower as per directives of the Commission and recommendations of CABIL report. The yearly additional employee cost will be worked out as

the additional requirement of manpower is finalized for this project and will be claimed in ARR on actual basis over and above the base year figures for calculating the normative employee and A&G expenses.

6. PSTCL has prayed to:

- i) Admit and take on record the present petition filed by PSTCL for the approval of revised scope/cost of the works already approved in MYT 2020-23 and the inclusion of new works of Urgent Nature as Capital works in the MYT Control Period FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23.
- ii) Take note of the amendments issued against the already approved schemes.
- iii) To approve the change in scope of works of above referred schemes in line with the decision of BOD's of PSTCL.
- iv) To approve the works mentioned in para-3(c) of petition as capital works for MYT 2020-23, as the works are urgent and BODs of PSTCL have approved these to be carried out in MYT 2020-23.
- v) To approve the work mentioned in para-4 of petition, of the procurement of 80 nos. Interface Energy Meters (ABT Type), as a Capital work in the MYT Control Period FY 2020-21 to 2022-23, as the works are urgent and BODs of PSTCL have approved these to be carried out in MYT 2020-23.
- vi) To allow O&M expenses on SAMAST scheme on actual basis in yearly ARR over and above the base year figures for calculation of normative figures.

- vii) To approve the Revised Capex for the MYT 2020-23 on account of said Revised cost & new works as under:

Rs. Crore.

Particulars	Revised Capex			Total
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	
Transmission Business	335.42	472.16	270.40	1077.98
SLDC Business	13.05	10.88	10.41	34.34
Total Capital Investment	348.37	483.04	280.81	1112.32

7. The Commission heard the matter on 05.01.2022. During the hearing, PSTCL requested the Commission to allow it to file an additional affidavit. The Commission granted two days time to file the affidavit.
8. PSTCL submitted additional information vide letter dated 07.01.2022 as under:
- i) Regarding works mentioned at Para 3(a) of the Petition:
PSTCL while making Additional submissions vide Memo No. 2265 dated 9.11.2021 has submitted that, the revised Capex indicated as Rs. 49.76 Crore will be limited to the already approved Capex of Rs. 124.29 Crore, as works are being planned and it is a continuous/ongoing process. As such, proposed Capex will remain same as Rs. 124.29 Crore.
- ii) Regarding works mentioned at Para 3(b) of the Petition :
PSTCL while making Additional submissions vide Memo No. 2265 dated 9.11.2021 has submitted that work mentioned at Sr. No. 74 of Table on Page-16 of the petition (Replacement of existing conductor of 220 kV Gobindgarh - 400kV Rajpura (DC), 220 kV Kohara - 400 kV Dhanansu (DC), 220 kV Kohara -

Sahnewal (B) (SC) with HTLS of suitable capacity) has approved Capex of Rs. 50.6 Crore in the original MYT 2020-23 and same is to be considered as the part of Table at 3(b) at Page-3 of the petition, which was inadvertently not shown in this table. In the Proposed Capex, this work is now included in the works at Sr. No. 132 of the Table-11 of MYT.

The Revised Table as indicated on Page-3 at S. No. 3(b) of the Petition is as under:

Sr. No. as per MYT	Approved Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
2 of Table 15	0.02	0	0	0.02	0	0.06	0	0.06
31 of Table 17	5.57	8.82	8.89	23.28	0	14.39	22.27	36.66
Amend no. 15/2021-22 dtd 26.07.21 approved vide PSERC order dated 8.01.2021 against Petition no. 37 of 2020	To be funded by PSPCL 3.71 as upfront Payment			3.71	To be funded by PSPCL 4.77 as upfront Payment			4.77
		4.5	3.5	8.0		15.38	11.97	27.35
132 of Table 11	2.23	4.71	3.76	10.7	0	48.09	27.09	75.18
133 of Table 11	2.23	4.71	1.94	8.88	0			
134 of Table 11	2.23	4.71	1.94	8.88	0			
135 of Table 11	2.23	5.36	4.74	12.33	0			
23,24,25 of Table 17	14.26	15.12	16.11	45.49	0	25.52	14.22	39.74
S. No. 85 of Table 17	0.28	0.59	0.3	1.17	Work Deleted			0
86 of Table 17	1.11	2.35	2.37	5.83	Work Deleted			0

Sr. No. as per MYT	Approved Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
74 of Table 17	9.66	20.39	20.55	50.6	Work included in Sr. no. 132 of Table 11			0
	39.82	71.26	67.81	178.89	0.00	103.44	80.32	183.76

- iii) Regarding works mentioned at Para 3(c) of the Petition :
 PSTCL while making Additional submissions vide Memo No. 2265 dated 9.11.2021 has submitted that for the new work installation of Bus Couplers at various 220/132KV Sub-Stations as mentioned at Page- 4 of the Petition, NIL expenditure is to be considered for FY 2020-21 and spill over beyond FY 2022-23 will be Rs. 5.919 Cr. The Revised Table as indicated on Page-4 at Sr. No. 3 (c) of the Petition is as under:

Sr. No. as per MYT	Description of Work	Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	spill	TOTAL
New Work	Installation of bus couplers at various 220kV & 132 kV S/S	0.00	5.92	5.92	5.92	17.76
New Work	Upgradation of 66 KV substation old patiala to 220 KV substation	0.00	25	34	2.91	61.91
New Work	400 KV S/stn. Dhanansu (Additional 500 MVA T/F and LILO of 400 KV Nakodar – Kurukshetra Line)	0.00	32	36	5.3	73.30
		0.00	62.92	75.92	14.13	152.97

- iv) On the basis of above the Revised Capex for Transmission Business works out to be as under:

Particulars	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total	REMARKS
APPROVED CAPEX	374.78	382.20	386.58	1143.56	Transmission Business
-	39.82	71.26	67.81	178.89	Subtracted approved Capex of the Works as mentioned at para 3(b)
+	0.00	103.44	80.32	183.76	Added proposed Capex of the Works as mentioned at para 3(b)
+	0.00	62.92	75.92	138.84	Added Proposed Capex for NEW works as mentioned at para 3(c)
Proposed Capex	334.96	477.30	475.01	1287.27	

- v) The combined Table indicating approved Capex viz-a-viz Proposed, for the works mentioned at Sr. No. 4 and 5 of the Petition i.e. 80 Nos. Interface Energy Meters(ABT Type) of 0.2s accuracy class and implementation of SAMAST Scheme in Punjab is as under:

Sr. No. as per MYT	Description of Work	Approved Capex (Rs. In Cr.)				Proposed Capex (Rs. In Cr.)			
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
4 of Table 22 of CIP Order	Implementation of SAMAST scheme in Punjab	12.17	11.33	8.75	32.26	0.0	6.14	16.38	22.52
New Work	80 nos. Interface Energy Meters (ABT Type) of 0.2s class	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.14	0.14	0.28
						0.0	6.28	16.52	22.80

PSTCL has further submitted that Rs.22.52 Cr is the Capital Cost of the project. O&M Cost of this SAMAST project on account of AMC and Recurring Telecom usage charges is Rs. 17.76 Cr, which will be claimed in PSTCL ARR @ 2.96 Cr. Per year, over and above the Base year figures for calculating normative R&M.

vi) On the basis of above the Revised Capex for SLDC Business works out to be as under:

Particulars	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total	REMARKS
APPROVED CAPEX	25.22	17.80	13.42	56.44	SLDC Business
-	12.17	11.33	8.75	32.26	Subtracted approved Capex of the SAMAST scheme.
+	0.0	6.28	16.52	22.80	Added proposed Capex of the 80 nos. Interface Energy Meters and SAMAST scheme
Proposed Capex	13.05	12.75	21.19	46.99	

vii) The Revised CAPEX for MYT FY2020-23 works out to be as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Revised Capex			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total
Transmission Business	334.96	477.30	475.01	1287.27
SLDC Business	13.05	12.75	21.19	46.99
Total Capital Investment	348.01	490.05	496.2	1334.26

9. After hearing the representative of PSTCL, Order was reserved vide Order dated 18.01.2022.

10. Decision of the Commission:

After careful consideration of the submissions made in the Petition and during the hearings, the findings and the decision of the Commission are as under:

- 10.1 The commission has approved Capital investment Plan of Rs.1837.77 Crore for 2nd MYT Control Period (FY 2020-21 to 2022-23) in petition No. 19 of 2019 with details as under:

Particulars	Approved by the Commission			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
Transmission Business	612.78	618.35	550.20	1781.33
SLDC Business	25.22	17.79	13.42	56.43
Total Capital Investment	638.00	636.14	563.62	1837.77

Rs. Crore

Further, the Commission in the Tariff Order for FY 2020-21, capped the Capital Investment of PSTCL to Rs. 400 Crore during each year for the 2nd MYT (FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23) as under:

Particulars	Approved by the Commission			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total
Transmission Business	374.78	382.20	386.58	1143.56
SLDC Business	25.22	17.80	13.42	56.43

Rs. Crore

In the tariff Order for FY 2021-22, the Commission has approved the revised Capex (in Rs. Crore) for 2nd MYT as under:

Particulars	Approved by the Commission			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	TOTAL
Total Capital Investment (Rs. Crore)	200	400	400	1000

Rs. Crore

- 10.2 The commission has approved Rs. 124.29 Crore for schemes “Urgent/feasibility related works as per PSPCL requirement” “Augmentation of Bus bars, extension in Control Room Building, providing room for second source for station Battery etc.” “Best

Practices recommended by Protection Sub Committee of NRPC in operation & construction of Sub Stations” and “Unforeseen emergency works”. PSTCL has planned works worth Rs. 49.76 Crore against these schemes. PSTCL has submitted that the works are being planned and it is a continuous/ongoing process. PSTCL has also submitted that the revised Capex indicated as Rs. 49.76 Crore will be limited to the already approved Capex of Rs. 124.29 Crore. **In view of the above, no change is required in approved capex for these schemes.**

10.3 Further more, PSTCL has issued amendments in some of the approved schemes and prayed for approval of revised Capex of 183.76 Crore in place of already approved Capex of Rs. 178.89 against these schemes.

The Commission observes that Regulation 9.13 of PSERC MYT Regulations 2019 specifies that:

“In the normal course, the Commission shall not revisit the approved capital investment plan during the Control Period. The Licensee shall file details of the capital expenditure incurred for the preceding financial year by 30th June of the current financial year to enable the Commission to monitor and review the progress of the capital expenditure incurred by the Applicant vis-à-vis the approved capital expenditure: Provided that the capital expenditure incurred shall be only for the schemes as per the approved capital investment plan.”

Accordingly, any review of already approved schemes in the Capital Investment Plan shall be considered at end of 2nd MYT Control Period (FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23)

10.4 Further more, PSTCL has sought Capital investment of Rs. 138.84 Crore for 3 No. new works which are of urgent nature and approved by the BoDs of PSTCL.

PSTCL has also sought Capital investment of Rs 28.10 Lac for an emergency requirement of 80 No. Interface Energy Meters (ABT Type) of 0.2s accuracy class emerged for the purpose of replacement of old defective EDMI make Boundary Meters installed at PSTCL Substations, for commissioning/ Integration of Substation Automation System (SAS) at 5 nos. 220kV Substations i.e. Mohali-1, Mohali-2, Lalru, Derabassi and Kharar and for new lines/transformers.

Regulation 9.14 of the PSERC MYT regulations 2019 specifies that:

“In case capital expenditure is required for emergency work which has not been approved in the capital investment plan, the Applicant shall submit an application (containing all relevant information along with reasons justifying emergency nature of the proposed work) seeking approval by the Commission. The Applicant may take up the work prior to the approval of the Commission provided that the scheme has been approved by its Board of Directors as being of emergent nature: Provided that the Applicant shall submit the pending details required as per Regulation 9.8 and 9.9 within 10 days of the submission of the application for emergency work: Provided further that for the purpose of Regulation 9.11, such approved capital expenditure shall be treated as a part of actual capital expenditure incurred by the Applicant in addition to the capital expenditure already approved by the Commission.”

Accordingly, as per Regulation 9.14 of the MYT Regulations 2019, the Commission decides to approve the proposed works of emergency nature amounting to Rs. 139.121 Crore (Rs. 138.84 Crore for 3 No. urgent new works + Rs. 28.10 Lac for 80 No. interface energy meters) with directions to PSTCL that it will submit the requisite details required as

per Regulation 9.8 and 9.9 of PSERC MYT regulations 2019 within 10 days from the issuance of the Order.

10.5 PSTCL has submitted that the proposed Capex of the Scheme “Implementation of SAMAST scheme in Punjab” is Rs. 22.52 Crore against an approval of Rs. 32.26 Crore.

10.6 PSTCL has also submitted that O&M Cost of the SAMAST project on account of AMC and Recurring Telecom usage charges will be claimed in PSTCL ARR @ 2.96 Cr. per year, over and above the Base year figures for calculating normative R&M. Also the yearly additional employee cost for the SAMAST project and will be claimed in ARR on actual basis over and above the base year figures for calculating the normative employee and A&G expenses.

The Commission further hold that expenses on account of AMC, telecom charges and additional manpower for Samast scheme are in the nature of O&M expenses. PSTCL may claim these expenses as additional O&M expenses in the ARR of the years in which they are incurred as per applicable MYT Regulations.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 02.03.2022