

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present: **Shri. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman**
Shri. S. Venugopal, Member
Shri. K. Vikraman Nair, Member

Petition No. OP 58/2018

In the matter of : Petition seeking approval for Edamon - Kochi
Compensation package

Petitioner : Kerala State Electricity Board Limited.

Petitioner represented by : Shri. K.G.P Nampoothiri, EE, TRAC, KSEB Ltd

Shri. George Mathew, EE, Special Task Force,
KSEB Ltd

Smt. Latha S V, AEE, TRAC, KSEB Ltd

Daily Order dated 18.02.2019

1. KSEB Ltd, on 30.08.2018, filed a petition before the Commission for approval of the special compensation package for constructing the 400 kV Edamon - Kochi line, constructed by PGCIL as part of evacuation of power from Kudankulam Atomic Power Plant. The Commission admitted the petition as OP No. 58/2018. The hearing on the petition was held at the Court hall of the Commission at 2:30pm on 12.02.2019. During the hearing, Sri. K.G.P Nampoothiri, Executive Engineer presented the matter on behalf of the KSEB Ltd and the summary of the issues raised during the hearing is given below.
 - (1) The construction of the 400 kV Transmission in Edamon-Kochi Sector, which originally was envisaged as part of the transmission system associated with Kudankulam Power Plant, was stalled due to Right of Way (RoW) issues due to protest and objections from the land owners in the districts of Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Ernakulam, through which the lines traverse.
 - (2) The State Government vide the G.O (Ms) No. 29/2015/PD dated 30.07.2015, evolved a Special Compensation package and clearance for restoration of the construction works. As per the compensation package, the compensation will be disbursed to the land owners by KSEB Ltd and PGCIL as follows.

Sl. No.	Particulars of compensation	Payment to be made by
1	Compensation for tower standing area	85% by PGCIL, balance by GoK/KSEB
2	Ex-gratia payment for line corridor	15% by PGCIL, balance by GoK/KSEB
3	Compensation for nominal land left out for owners	GoK/KSEBL
4	Compensation for damages caused to all standing trees and crops along the line	PGCIL
5	Special Package of Rs.1 Lakh for owners of houses under the existing line	GoK/KSEB

(3) As per the current estimate of KSEB Ltd, the total compensation comes to around Rs.473.59 Crores, out of which KSEBL/GoK share is around Rs.256.04 Crore. An abstract of the estimate is submitted below:

Sl. No	Particulars	Total Amount (Rs.Cr.)	PGCIL		KSEBL/GoK	
1	Tower standing area (100%) based on design area	88.69	85%	75.39	15%	13.30
2	Line corridor (40%) including displacement allowance	379.10	15/40	142.16	25/40	236.94
3	Nominal Land	2				2
4	Compensation for existing houses under the line	3.80				3.80
	Total (Rs.Cr)	473.59		217.55		256.04

The total compensation amount to be borne by KSEB Ltd as per the compensation package will be about Rs 128.00 crore. However, the exact financial liability can be ascertained only after disbursing the entire compensation to the land owners.

2. During the deliberations of the petition, Sri. George Mathew, Executive Engineer, Special Task Force, presented the status of the construction of the Edamon- Kochi Transmission, and its summary is extracted below.

- (i) Foundations for 436 tower locations out of the 447 tower locations were already completed.
- (ii) Tower erection at 427 locations out of 447 locations completed.
- (iii) Stringing of 103.3 km out of 148.3 km were completed.

He further submitted that, within two months, the entire work of the 400 kV Edamon Kochi Transmission system is likely to be completed. KSEB Ltd is yet to start remitting the compensation to be borne by GoK and KSEB Ltd.

3. Based on the deliberations during the hearing and other documents placed before it, the Commission here by orders that, KSEB Ltd shall submit the following, within two weeks from the date of this order before the Commission for further processing the petition.

- (i) A copy of the resolution of the Director Board of KSEB Ltd to adopt and implement the Special compensation package, as ordered by the State Government vide the G.O (Ms) No. 29/2015/PD dated 30.07.2017 and its amendments dated 31.08.2016 and 17.03.2018.
- (ii) The financial source for meeting the compensation to be met by KSEB Ltd, taking into consideration the fact that, the entire assets forming part of the 440 kV Edamon Kochi Transmission system is owned and operated by PGCIL.
- (iii) KSEB Ltd shall, during the determination of transmission tariff of the 400 kV Edamon- Kochi transmission system of PGCIL by Hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), ensure that the amount borne by the GoK/KSEB Ltd as special compensation is not loaded in the capital cost of the 400 kV Edamon- Kochi transmission system.
- (iv) How KSEB Ltd intends to account for this amount in its books.

Sd/-

**K. Vikraman Nair
Member**

Sd/-

**S. Venugopal
Member**

Sd/-

**Preman Dinaraj
Chairman**

Approved for issue

Sd/-

**G Jyothichudan
Secretary**