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BIHAR ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, BIHAR, PATNA

NOTIFICATION

The 8th July, 2005

No.1-In exercise of powers conferred by Section 181(1) of Electricity Act, 2003 and all powers enabling in this behalf, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission makes the following Regulations to carry out the function of the Commission. Regarding financial powers to the various authorities responsible for exercising the financial powers in connection with affairs of the Commission.

1. Short title and commencement—These regulations shall be called Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (Delegation of Financial Powers) Regulations 2005. They shall be deemed to be in force with effect from 8th July, 2005.

2. Definitions—In these regulations the words used shall have the following meanings:

- (i) Government shall mean Government of Bihar.
- (ii) Commission shall mean Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission
- (iii) Chairman shall mean Chairman of Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission
- (iv) Act shall mean the E.R.C. Act 1998 and now Electricity Act 2003 and shall include any statutory amendment, modification and re-enactment thereof.
- (v) Words or expressions occurring in these regulations and not defined here in but defined in the Act shall bear the same meaning as in the Act.
- (vi) Secretary shall mean Secretary for Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission or any other officer of the Commission authorized by the Chairperson to discharge the responsibility of the Secretary in his/her absence for a limited period.
- (vii) Head of the office shall mean Secretary of the Commission or any other officer of the Commission to whom such financial powers may be delegated by the Chairman.

Since the Commission has been constituted as Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission word 'State' occurring before 'Electricity' in Regulation is omitted vide Bihar Gazette Extraordinary Notification No. 493 dt. 25th May 2007.

(viii) Head of the department shall mean Member (Administration) of the Commission or any other officer to whom such powers may be delegated by the Chairman.

3. All financial expenditures relating to the affairs of the Commission shall be made in accordance with the delegation of financial powers mentioned in appendix A to these regulations.
4. The Commission shall have powers to make suitable amendments to these regulations from time to time in accordance with requirements of the functioning of the Commission. The Secretary of the Commission shall also have the authority to issue directives from time to time in order to ensure smooth implementation of these regulations.
5. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these regulations, the Commission may, by general or special order, do anything not being inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulties.

By order of the Commission,
JUSTICE B.N.P. SINGH
Chairman

**Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission
Delegation of Financial Powers Regulations 2005**

Appendix A

Sl. No.	Item of Expenditure	Monetary limit upto which expenditure can be incurred			
1	2	3	4	5	6
Unspecified items of contingent expenditure					
(a)	Recurring	Full Powers	Rs. 10,000/- P.a in each case	Rs. 5,000/- p.a in each case	
(b)	Non-recurring	Full Powers	Rs. 50,000/- P.a. in each case	Rs. 10,000/- P.a. in each case	
Motor Vehicles					
(a)	Purchase of Vehicles	Full Powers	Nil	Nil	
(b)	Maintenance upkeep and repairs	Full Powers	Full Powers	Rs. 7,500/- p.m. per vehicle	
(c)	Condemnation of Vehicles	Full Powers	Full Powers	Nil	Subject to instructions issued by Government of Bihar.
3. Office Equipment and Computers.					
(a)	Purchase of all office equipment including typewriters, electronic typewriters, intercom equipments, calculators, electronic Dictaphones Copying machines, franking machines filling and indexing systems, Computers accessories	Full Powers	Full Powers	Rs. 50,000/- p.a.	
(b)	Computers (including personal Computers)	Full Powers	Rs. 5 lakhs p.a.	Rs. 5 lakhs p.a.	Rs. 2 lakhs p.a.

(c)	Maintenance of Computers of all kinds	Full Powers	Rs. 50,000/- p.a.	Rs. 20,000/- p.a.	
4. Furniture and Fixtures.					
(a)	Setting up of the office	Full Powers	Full Powers		
(b)	Purchase	Full Powers	Full Powers		
(c)	Repair	Full Powers	Full Powers		
(d)	Hire of office furniture, heater, coolers	Full Powers	Full Powers	Rs. 20,000/- p.a.	
(e)	Purchase of Desert Cooler, Room Cooler, Air conditioner	Full Powers	Full Powers	Rs. 20,000/-	
5. Purchase of Stationery					
(a)	Purchase of Stationery stores mentioned in the list under appendix 9 to compilation of the General financial Rules, 1963	Full Powers	Rs. 50,000/- p.a.	Rs. 5,000/- p.a.	
(b)	Local purchase of petty stationery stores	Full Powers	Rs. 2.5 lakh p.a.	Rs. 5,000/-	
(c)	Local purchase of rubber stamps and office seals	Full Powers	Rs. 5,000/- p.a.	Rs. 2,000/- p.a.	
6. Printing/Publication/Publicity					
(a)	Printing and Binding	Full Powers	Rs. 1 lakh p.a. if the job is executed locally	Rs. 50,000/- p.a. if the job is executed locally	
(b)	Publication	Full Powers	Full Powers	Rs. 25,000/- p.a.	
(c)	Payment of Publicity charges	Full Powers	Full Powers subject to prescribed rates	Nil	
7. Telephone & Internet Charges.					
(a)	Sanction of residential telephones/internet connections with separate telephones line in case of officers drawing salary in the scale equivalent to that of Dy. Secy. In the Govt. of India or above.	Full Powers	Full Powers	Nil	

(b)	Sanction of residential telephones/internet connections with separate telephones line in case of officers drawing salary in the scale below to that of Dy. Secy. in the Govt. of India	Full Power	Nil	Nil	
(c)	For entitled category of officers the reimbursement of call charges will be limited to 1000 calls P.M. over the free calls allowed by BSNL for telephone line and similar number of calls would be allowed for internet telephone line as well as the rental charges.	Full Powers including powers to sanction excess calls relating to official duties	Full Powers including powers to sanction excess calls relating to official duties	Full Powers upto calls within sanctioned limit	In case the prescribed limit is exceeded for requirements of official duties, the officer concerned shall furnish certificate to this effect.
(d)	Non-entitled officials limit restricted upto 600 calls p.m.	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
(e)	Reimbursement of entitled telephone charges (calls and rental in case of private residential installed in the names of officers or their spouses.	Full Power	Full Power		
8. Rent					
(i) Ordinary office accommodation					
(a)	Where the accommodation is entirely utilized for the office	Full Power	Full Power	Nil	
(b)	Where the accommodation is used partly as office and partly as resident.	Full Power	Full Power	Nil	
(ii). For residential and other purposes		Full Power	Full Power	Nil	

9. Petty Works and & Repairs					
(a)	Execution of petty works and special repairs to Government owned buildings, including sanitary fittings, water-supply and electric installations in such buildings and repairs to such installations.	Full Powers	Rs. 50,000/- p.m. per building if the work is executed departmentally		
(b)	Ordinary repairs to Government buildings.	Full Powers	Full Powers	--do--	
(c)	Repairs and alterations to hired and requisitioned buildings	Full Powers	Full Powers	Rs. 5,000/- p.a. non-recurring and Rs. 1,000/- recurring.	
10. Miscellaneous Charges					
(a)	Electric, Gas and Water charges	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
(b)	Municipal Rates and Taxes	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
(c)	Freight and demurrage/wharf age charge	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
11. Legal Charges					
(a)	Hiring of Legal consultants including Barristers, Advocates, Pleaders, arbitrator and umpires	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
(b)	Other Legal charges	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
(c)	Reimbursement of legal expenses incurred by Commission employees in cases relating to discharge of their official duties.	Full Power	Full Power	Full Power	
12. Payment of Consultancy Charges		Full Power	Full Power	Nil	
13. Staff paid from contingencies		Full Power	Full Power	Nil	
14. Honorarium		Full Power	Full Power	Nil	

15. Reimbursement of Medical Expenses	Full Powers including powers to grant relaxation from provisions of regulations framed by the commission in deserving cases.	Full Powers as per Bihar Government Medical Rules	Full Powers as per Bihar Government Medical Rules	The Bihar Government Medical Rules, to be followed till framing of medical attendance regulations by the commission.
16. Conveyance Hire	Full Power	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	
17. Expenditure for refreshment for official meetings	Full Power	Rs. 25,000/- p.a.	Rs. 10,000/- p.a.	Subject to availability of budget
18. disposal of obsolete surplus or unserviceable stores	Full Power	Rs. 50,000/- at a time	Rs. 5,000/- at a time	
19. Reappropriation of Fund	Full Powers	—	—	

**By order of the Commission,
JUSTICE B.N.P. SINGH
*Chairman***