

**NORTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED,
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna**

Resolution No. 1357 / Patna
N-I/PF-EEE-30019/2012

dated 30.8.14 /

Sri Daddan Singh, while posted as Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Supply Division, Purnea was prima facie found working against the rules and regulations in connivance with the consumers and was placed under suspension vide Office order No 352 dated 11.12.2012 on the aforementioned charge as well as on the charge of less revenue collection and misconduct. A Departmental Proceeding was also initiated against him on the following charges:-

- (i) The Electric connection of Sri Pankaj Kumar Jaiswal, a consumer of Electric Supply Sub Division, Purnea (R) was disconnected on 30.03.2012 due to Electricity dues amounting to Rs. 1,30,904/= (Rupees One Lakh thirty thousand nine hundred and four) only and F.I.R was also lodged against him for removing the meter. Even then Sri Singh ordered for Re-connection by accepting Rs. 50,000/- as part payment of the dues.
- (ii) The company was put to revenue loss to the tune of Rs. 1,90,785/= (Rupees One Lakh ninty thousand seven hundred eighty five) only due to the fact that the load shown in the meter reading table, submitted by the franchisee, was triple than that of the sanctioned load and Sri Singh didn't took any action against the franchisee. The Departmental Proceeding has not yet been concluded.

Besides, following irregularities were also found against Sri Singh:-

- (i) It was found during the review meeting of Electric Supply Division, Sheohar that there were very less meter installation against the monthly target fixed, very less raids against electricity theft and no action taken to improve revenue collection.
- (ii) Sri Singh had sought permission for Earned leave w.e.f 21.04.2013 to 28-05-2013 for some personal reasons. As the visit of Hon'ble C.M was scheduled for Sheohar, therefore, Sri Singh was allowed leave W.e.f. 25.04.2013 but in utter violation of the order he proceeded on leave w.e.f 21.04.2013.

(iii) During video conferencing held on 11.06.2013 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, while reviewing it was prima facie found that Sri Singh is not at all serious towards revenue collection and his attitude towards work is quite indifferent.

An explanation was also called for from him on the following points:-

- (a) Nither raid was conducted against electricity theft in the month of May 2013 nor any case was lodged under section 135 or section 126 of Electricity Act.
- (b) No certificate case was filed against big defaulters.
- (c) In the month of May, 2013, only 4 Lakh units were billed against 16 Lakh units supplied and only 20% revenue was collected.
- (d) Only 576 consumers were paying electricity bill in the Division. No efforts were made to increase the number.

Sri Singh did not submitted reply of the explanation asked from him.

The whole issue was examined and ultimately Sri Singh was compulsory retired vide Res. No. 06 dated 01.07.2013.

Sri Singh submitted a mercy appeal on 02.04.2014 against the aforementioned order of compulsory retirement . It was decided that Sri Singh should be heard in person . Accordingly he was heard in person on 19.07.2014 by the CMD, BSP(H)CL. Consequent upon hearing following orders have been passed by the CMD, BSP(H)CL:-

- (i) The Punitive action of compulsory retirement taken against Sri Daddan Singh vide Res. No. 06 dated 01.07.2013 is too harsh. The same is stayed till further orders.
- (ii) The punishment of withholding of three annual increments, with non-cumulative effect is inflicted upon Sri Singh.
- (iii) The Departmental Proceeding initiated against Daddan Singh, vide Res. No. 939 dated 06.05.2013 should be completed in one month. Concerned Enquiry Officer should be informed accordingly.
- (iv) Further action should be taken after submission of the enquiry report.

By order

(R.N. Sahay)
G.M. (HR & Adm.)

