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From,

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General Manager (C&RA)

To,

The Secretary,
Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC)
Jharkhand State Housing Board HQ (Old Building), 1st Floor,
Harmu Housing Colony, Ranchi-834002

Sub:- Response to additional data pertaining to the deficiencies observed in the petition for True-up of FY 2019-20, APR of FY 2020-21 , Business Plan & MYT of 3rd Control period of JUSNL.

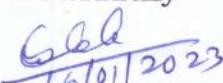
Ref : - *Letter no JSERC/Case(Tariff) No. 14 of 2022/302 dated 02.12.2022 of Hon'ble Commission.*

Sir,

With reference to the above captioned subject, please find enclosed herewith the response to the additional data pertaining to the deficiencies observed in the True-up of FY 2019-20, APR of FY 2020-21 , Business Plan & MYT of 3rd Control period of JUSNL in seven (07) hard copies and soft copy for kind perusal.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully


(Shyam Mahali)
General Manager (C&RA)





Authorised Under Notaries Act-1952
& Notaries Rules 1956 by Govt of
Jharkhand, Ranchi (India)

16 JAN 2023

Ref. No..... Date.....

I, Shyam Mahali, Son of Late Dasmat Mahali, Aged 48 years Residing at Namkum, Ranchi, Police Station – Namkum, District–Ranchi (Jharkhand), do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under : -

- (1) THAT I am presently working as General Manager (Commercial & Regulatory Affairs) Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd, (JUSNL) Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi and duly authorized to file this petition and swear in the affidavit.
- (2) THAT I solemnly affirm at Ranchi on this day 16th Day of January 2023 that the contents of this submission are true to my knowledge and I believe that no part of it is false and no material has been concealed therefrom. The statement made in this submission are true to my knowledge and are either based on information derived from the records of the case which I believe to be true or by way of submissions to the Hon'ble Commission.

Verified at Ranchi on 16th Day of Jan, 2023.

The deponent who has been
Identified by Shri
..... (Advocate), Ranchi
affirmed/ declared that the
statements made above are true to
the best of his knowledge and belief.

Shyam Mahali
Deponent
Identified by me.

Shyam Mahali
Signature Attested on
Identification of Lawyer



Shyam Mahali
Vikash Kumar Sinha
NOTARY PUBLIC RANCHI

TRUE UP of FY 2019-20

1. The Petitioner has claimed the O&M expenses on an actual basis as per the annual accounts for the FY 2019-20. The Petitioner is directed to submit the details of arrears paid in the FY 2019-20 on account of the pay revision applicable from 1.1.2016.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the detail of arrears paid in FY 2019-20 is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure A**. The arrears claimed in the True up for FY 2019-20 is based on the on the Audited Annual Accounts for the FY 2019-20. The Hon'ble Commission is therefore requested to approve the same as per the Audited Annual Accounts of FY 2019-20.

2. The Petitioner has submitted that a major portion of the A&G expenses is of consultancy charges. The Petitioner is directed to submit complete details of the same.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the detail of consultancy charges paid during FY 2019-20 is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure B**. The consultancy charges claimed in the True up for FY 2019-20 is based on the on the Audited Annual Accounts for the FY 2019-20. The Hon'ble Commission is therefore requested to approve the same as per the Audited Annual Accounts for the FY 2019-20.

3. Further, the Petitioner has submitted that its employee strength is 50% of the overall sanctioned posts. The Petitioner is directed to submit employee strength details as per Format FS(a) for FY 2019-20.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the detail of employee strength details as per Format FS (a) for FY 2019-20 is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure C**.

4. As per Table 4, the petitioner has claimed Capital Expenditure of Rs. 912.31 Crore against Rs. 896.47 Crore as approved in the Order dated 24-02-2018. In this regard, the petitioner is directed to furnish the justification for the same.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the capital expenditure claimed in the True up Petition for the FY 2019-20 is based on the Audited Annual Accounts for the FY 2019-20. The Hon'ble Commission is therefore requested to approve the capital expenditure incurred by the JUSNL during the FY 2019-20.

5. The Petitioner is directed to submit the DPRs for all the projects capitalized during FY 2019-20 along with a detailed cost-benefit analysis.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the DPRs for all the projects capitalized during FY 2019-20 along with a detailed cost-benefit analysis is being enclosed along with this reply in the form of soft copy as **Annexure D**.

6. The Petitioner is directed to submit the Fixed Asset Register up to FY 2019-20 along with asset category-wise and location-wise summary in excel.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL will make all efforts to submit that the Fixed Asset Register up to FY 2019-20 along with asset category-wise and location-wise summary in excel shall be submitted to the Hon'ble Commission by March 2023.

7. The Petitioner is directed to submit the detailed computation of the Interest on Loan Claimed for the FY 2019-20. The Interest on Loans is claimed considering the loan amounts received from the State Government, while the same should be calculated only based on the part of Capitalisation financed by Debt. Hence, the Petitioner should submit the Interest Charges considering the actual capitalization and repayment equal to depreciation. The Petitioner should also provide the computation of the weighted avg. interest rate applicable for the FY 2019-20 based on the actual long-term loan portfolio of JUSNL.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the interest on loan has been claimed as per the JSERC MYT Regulations, 2015. Clause 7.19 of the JSERC MYT Regulations, 2015 is as follows:

"7.19 The rate of interest shall be the weighted average rate of interest calculated on the basis of the actual loan portfolio at the beginning of each Year applicable to the Project:

Provided that if there is no actual loan for a particular year but normative loan is still outstanding, the last available weighted average rate of interest shall be considered:

Provided further that if the Transmission System does not have actual loan, then the weighted average rate of interest of the Transmission Licensee as a whole shall be considered:"

Further, clause 6.17 of the JSERC MYT Regulations, 2015 states as follows:

"6.17 For controllable parameters,

(a) Any surplus or deficit on account of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expenses shall be to the account of the Licensee and shall not be true up in ARR; and

(b) at the end of the control period –

(i) the Commission shall review actual capital investment vis-à-vis approved capital investment.

(ii) depreciation and financing cost, which includes cost of debt including working capital (interest), cost of equity (return) shall be true up on the basis of audited/authenticated information and prudence check by the Commission."

Hence, the interest on loan claimed by the JUSNL is as per the total interest payable during the FY 2019-20 which is reflecting in the Audited Annual Accounts for FY 2019-20 submitted along with the MYT Petition.

It is also submitted that during the FY 2019-20, the total capitalization claimed by the JUSNL is Rs. 385.96 Crores. The details of the same have been submitted to the Hon'ble Commission along with the MYT Petition. Projects capitalized during the FY 2019-20 were financed through State Government loans at the rate of 13%.

8. The Equity component considered is more than the normative equity of 30% of the GFA. The Petitioner has claimed equity addition of Rs. 2 crores in FY 2019-20 towards the Restructuring Account pending Adjustment. In this regard, the Petitioner is directed to provide proper justification.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the Return on Equity has been claimed as per the equity amount reflected in the Audited Annual Accounts for the FY 2019-20. The Hon'ble Commission is requested to approve the same.

9. The Petitioner is directed to submit the actual debt, equity, grant, consumer contribution etc. for the FY 2019-20 and those claimed in the true-up petition as per the format below:

JUSNL Reply: The details of actual debt, equity, grant, consumer contribution etc. for FY 2019-20 is provided below:

Funding	As per the Actuals (Rs.)
Debt	893,222,390.00
Equity	-
Grant	992,170,000.00
Others (Consumer Contribution, deposit works etc)	1,286,074,114.00

10. The Petitioner is directed to submit the Normative Annual Transmission System Availability factor (NATSAF) and month-wise availability for the FY 2019-20, along with the detailed computation of the element-wise and over-system availability. The same shall be certified by the SLDC.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the Normative Annual Transmission System Availability factor (NATSAF) and month-wise availability for the FY 2019-20 is being verified by the SLDC. Once the NATSAF for FY 2019-20 is verified by the SLDC, JUSNL shall submit the same to the Hon'ble Commission. The petitioner humbly submits to grant two week time period for submission of the same.

11. The Petitioner is directed to submit the actual transmission losses for the JUSNL system for FY 2019-20 duly certified by the SLDC.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that in the meeting dated 03.01.2023 in JSERC, it was conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission that the JUSNL will make every effort to install ABT meters under the SAMAST scheme by 31st June, 2023. Post installation of the ABT meters the JUSNL shall submit the actual transmission losses to the Hon'ble Commission.

APR of FY 2020-21

1. The Petitioner has claimed the O&M expenses on an actual basis as per the unaudited annual accounts for the FY 2020-21. The Petitioner is directed to submit the normative O&M expenses in line with Regulation 7.36. The Petitioner is also to submit the details of arrears paid in the FY 2020-21 on account of the pay revision applicable from 1.1.2016.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the normative O&M expenses for the FY 2020-21 and the details of arrears paid in the FY 2020-21 are enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure E**.

2. The Petitioner is directed to submit the DPRs for all the projects projected to be capitalized in the FY 2020-21 along with a detailed cost-benefit analysis.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the DPRs for all the projects capitalized during FY 2020-21 along with a detailed cost-benefit analysis is being submitted along with this reply as **Annexure F** in the form of soft copy.

3. The Petitioner is directed to submit the proposed debt, equity, grant, consumer contribution, etc. for the FY 2020-21 as per the format below:

JUSNL Reply: The details of actual debt, equity, grant, consumer contribution etc. for FY 2020-21 is provided below:

Funding	As per the Actuals (Rs.)
Debt	8,249,099,638.00
Equity	6,260,000,000.00
Grant	32,410,000.00
Others (Consumer Contribution, deposit works etc)	744,580,132.00

4. The Petitioner is directed to submit the relevant documents for the Loans Sanctioned along with the amount sanctioned and the amount capitalized of the sanctioned loan for calculation of interest on a loan for the FY 2020-21.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the relevant documents for the Loans Sanctioned along with the amount sanctioned are being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure G** in the form of soft copy.

5. The Petitioner is directed to submit the detailed computation of the Interest on Loan Claimed for the FY 2020-21. The Interest on Loans is claimed considering the loan amounts received from the State Government, while the same should be calculated only based on the part of the proposed Capitalization financed by Debt. Hence, the Petitioner should submit the Interest Charges considering the proposed capitalization equal to allowable

depreciation. The Petitioner should also provide the computation of the interest rate considered for FY 2020-21.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the interest on loan has been claimed as per the JSERC MYT Regulations, 2015. Clause 7.19 of the JSERC MYT Regulations, 2015 is as follows:

"7.19 The rate of interest shall be the weighted average rate of interest calculated on the basis of the actual loan portfolio at the beginning of each Year applicable to the Project:

Provided that if there is no actual loan for a particular year but normative loan is still outstanding, the last available weighted average rate of interest shall be considered:

Provided further that if the Transmission System does not have actual loan, then the weighted average rate of interest of the Transmission Licensee as a whole shall be considered:"

Hence, the interest on loan claimed by the JUSNL is as per the total interest payable during the FY 2020-21 which is reflecting in the unaudited Annual Accounts for FY 2020-21 submitted along with the MYT Petition.

It is also submitted that during the FY 2020-21, the total capitalization claimed by the JUSNL is Rs. 682.58 Crores. The details of the same have been submitted to the Hon'ble Commission along with the MYT Petition. Projects capitalized during the FY 2020-21 were financed through State Government loans at the rate of 13%.

6. The Equity component considered is more than the normative equity of 30% of the GFA. The Petitioner has claimed equity addition of 2 crores in FY 2019-20 towards the Restructuring Account pending Adjustment. In this regard, the Petitioner is directed to provide proper justification.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the Return on Equity has been claimed as per the equity amount reflected in the Audited Annual Accounts. The Hon'ble Commission is requested to approve the same.

7. The petitioner is directed to submit the basis of considering an interest rate of 10.95% for claiming interest on working capital for FY 2020-21.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the interest rate of 10.95% for claiming interest on working capital for FY 2020-21 has been considered as per the JSERC MYT regulations, 2015. As per the MYT Regulations:

"7.32 Rate of interest on working capital shall be on normative basis and shall be considered equal to the base rate of State Bank of India as on 30th September of the financial year in which the Petition is filed plus 350 basis points. At the time of true up, the interest rate shall be adjusted as per the actual rate prevailing on 1st April of the financial year for which truing up exercise has been undertaken."

In line with the above Regulations actual SBI base rate prevailing on 30th September, 2021 has been considered for calculation of interest on Working Capital for FY 2020-21.

8. The Petitioner is directed to submit the intra-state transmission losses and transmission system availability considered for the FY 2020-21 duly certified by the SLDC.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the Normative Annual Transmission System Availability factor for the FY 2020-21 is under process and same will be sent to SLDC for certification. The petitioner humbly submits grant one month time period for submission of the same. The JUSNL would like to submit that in the meeting dated 03.01.2023 in JSERC, it was conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission that the JUSNL will make every effort to install ABT meters under the SAMAST scheme by 31st June, 2023. Post installation of the ABT meters the JUSNL shall submit the actual transmission losses to the Hon'ble Commission.

9. The Petitioner is directed to submit the detailed computation of the revenue gap and the carrying cost in an excel file as per the "Table 36 Cumulative Revenue Gap" in the petition.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the detailed computation of the revenue gap and the carrying cost in an excel file as per the "Table 36 Cumulative Revenue Gap" in the petition is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure H**.

Business Plan & MYT for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26

1. The Petitioner is directed to submit the detailed infrastructure as on dated 31.03.2022 of the transmission system as per the format below: -

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the detail of infrastructure as on dated 31.03.2022 is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure I**.

2. The Petitioner is directed to submit the details of the existing and upcoming evacuation systems for generating stations.

JUSNL Reply: The detail of the existing and upcoming evacuation systems for generating stations is provided below:

Existing Evacuation System

- a. Presently the transmission system of JUSNL is evacuating power from the TTPS generating station to 220/132 KV Govindpur GSS. Also, 220/132 KV Jainamore GSS will be energised through LILO of 220 KV D/C TTPS - Govindpur transmission line. This facilitates transmission of power to the JBVNL distribution network and ultimately the power is distributed to the Dhanbad and Bokaro districts.
- b. Power from Sikidri (Hydel) power station located at Sikidri, Ranchi having installed capacity of 65X2 MW is being evacuated through the 132/33 KV Namkum GSS.
- c. Power from Inland Power Plant is also evacuated through 132/33 Namkum GSS.
- d. Captive Power Plants connected with the transmission network of JUSNL –
 - I. Rungta Mines – 220/123/33 KV GSS Chaibasa – I (Ulijhari)
 - II. AAPL – 220/132 KV GSS Ramchandarpur
 - III. Usha Martin Limited – 132/33 KV GSS Namkum

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Upcoming Evacuation System

The Patratu STPP being developed by PVUNL is a Joint Venture between NTPC (74%) and JBVNL. The installed capacity 3X800 MW is under construction and 85% power has been allocated to Jharkhand. Considering an auxiliary consumption of about 7 percent, the maximum power to be evacuated from this project will be about 2230 MW. In 19th meeting of Standing Committee on Power System Planning held on 01.09.2017, it was deliberated that as 85% of power is allocated to Jharkhand state and 15% is unallocated power, it would be prudent that Patratu TPS is directly connected with JUSNL (Jharkhand STU) system. Subsequently, PVUNL had applied for connectivity to JUSNL on 9th Oct 2017 and the same was granted by JUSNL on 6th Feb 2018. The upcoming evacuation system is given below:

- a. 400 KV double circuit Quad Moose Patratu - PVUNL Transmission line and 2no. 400 KV LINE Bay
- b. 400/220KV grid sub-station, Chandil
- c. 400 KV D/C 3 Ph QM patratu-chandil transmission line (135 km),
- d. 400 KV D/C 3 PH QM Chandil - chaibasa transmission line (100 km)
- e. 220 KV D/C 3 Phase Chandil - Chandil Transmission line (20 km)
- f. 400/220/132/33 KV Grid sub-Station, Koderma
- g. 400 KV D/C 3 PH QM Patratu - koderma transmission line (150 km),
- h. 400 KV D/C lineJasidih – Koderma (135 Km)
- i. 220 kv D/C 3 Phase Koderma- GiridihTransmission line (80 KM)

The above transmission plan for evacuation of power from Patratu STPP has been approved by the Standing Committee Meeting on Power System Planning for Eastern Region (SCMPSPER) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

3. The Petitioner is required to submit the process flow for approval of transmission projects and Capital Expenditure.

JUSNL Reply: The process flow for approval of transmission projects and capital expenditure is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure J**. The same is based on the Delegation of Financial Power (DOFP) of JUSNL.

4. The petitioner has submitted the proposed transmission loss for the control period is 5% whereas in the previous control period the proposed transmission loss was 2.23%. The Petitioner is directed to provide the justification and details of the computation for projecting the transmission loss. Further, as per regulation clause 6.6(b) operational plan, the petitioner is directed to submit the year-wise transmission loss of the previous control period.

JUSNL Reply: The petitioner submits that energy accounting and transmission losses are computed on the basis of import data obtained from SLDC and energy exported to beneficiaries of JUSNL on the basis of meter reading received from field offices. Petitioner humbly submits

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that after implementation of SAMAST in JUSNL the real-time data shall be made available to the Hon'ble Commission.

5. The Petitioner is directed to submit the following details towards the capital investment plan as per clause 6.7 of the regulation:
 - i) Purpose of investment (e.g replacement of existing assets, meeting load growth, improvement in quality and reliability of supply, etc).
 - ii) Approval of competent authority.
 - iii) Details Project Report
 - iv) Cost-benefit analysis and rate reasonability.
 - v) Improvement in operational efficiency envisaged in the control period.

JUSNL Reply: The detail of proposed capital investment plan is already submitted to the Hon'ble Commission along with the Business Plan under the table no. 23 along with the purpose of investment of individual schemes. Further, documents related to the approval obtained from Standing Committee of CEA are being enclosed as **Annexure K**.

6. The Petitioner is directed to submit the details of the scheme-wise source of funding with all supporting documents of the Competent Authority.

JUSNL Reply: The detail of the scheme-wise source of funding has been submitted in the Business Plan under section 5.5. It is submitted that 400/220 KV Grid sub- station , Dumka, 220/132/33 Grid sub station, Sarwal, 400/220KV GSS Mandar, 220/132/33 Grid sub station, Palajori, 220/132/33 kv Grid sub-station , Hazaribagh and 220/132/33 KV Grid sub station, Baliyapur and associated transmission lines were earlier proposed to be implemented through PPP mode. However, now these schemes are being implemented through the tendering mode by JSUNL. The copy of the sanctioned order of the schemes is being enclosed in the form of soft copy as **Annexure L**.

7. The Petitioner is directed to re-submit Annexures of Business Plan- C, D, E, F, G, I & J as the excel sheet is not opening.

JUSNL Reply: The Annexures of Business Plan – C, D, E, F, G, I & J are being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure M** in soft copy.

8. As per Table-13, under the capital investment Plan, the Petitioner has proposed investment under augmentation and renovation & modernization. The petitioner is directed to submit the scheme-wise details of the capital investment & capitalization schedule along with the amount.

JUSNL Reply: The scheme wise detail under augmentation and renovation & modernization is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure M**. It is also submitted that the capitalization schedule of the schemes has been provided in the Business Plan. It is humbly requested to please consider the same towards the capitalization of the schemes under augmentation and renovation & modernization submitted by the petitioner.

9. As per Table -15, there is a deviation in the Total central sector allocation under the current power purchase allocation as submitted in the petition w.r.t submission in the supporting

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document as Annexure-A. The Petitioner is directed to provide the justification for the same.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that there is an error in summing up all the capacity under current power purchase allocation as given in Annexure A. The same was rectified in the table – 15 of the Business Plan. Therefore, there is a deviation in the total central sector allocation under current power purchase allocation as submitted in the petition w.r.t submission in the supporting document as Annexure – A.

10. The Petitioner is directed to submit the recent cost data sheet voltage-wise for line length and capacity-wise for GSS.

JUSNL Reply: The recent cost data sheet voltage-wise for line length and capacity-wise for GSS is enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure N**.

11. The Petitioner is directed to submit a justification for projecting the Non-tariff Income of Rs.12.79 Crs for FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 as same as FY 2020-21.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the non-tariff income for the FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 has been considered on the actual non-tariff for the FY 2021-21. The JUSNL will submit the actual details of the non-tariff income at the time of truing up for the respective year to the Hon'ble Commission.

12. The Petitioner is directed to submit the justification for the deviation in data in tariff format (F11) and in an audited account of FY 2019-20 & a provisional account of FY 2020-21 for Gross receivable from customers at the end of the year.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the revised tariff format (F11) is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure O** in form of soft copy.

13. The Petitioner is directed to submit the linked excel file sheets used in tariff format.

JUSNL Reply: The linked excel file sheets used in tariff format is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure O** in form of soft copy.

14. The Petitioner is directed to submit the agreement copy of JUSNL signed between Railway & JBVNL mentioning details of power purchase allocation and all relevant data.

JUSNL Reply: The agreement copy of JUSNL signed between Railway mentioning details of power purchase allocation and all relevant data is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure P**. Further, the Transmission Service Agreement (TSA) has been submitted to the JBVNL for finalization. However, the JBVNL is yet to provide its comments on the same.

15. The Petitioner is directed to submit the fixed Asset Register up to FY 2021-22 along with asset category-wise and location-wise summary in excel.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL will make all efforts to submit that the Fixed Asset Register up to FY 2021-22 along with asset category-wise and location-wise summary in excel shall be submitted to the Hon'ble Commission by March 2023.

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16. The petitioner is directed to submit the details of electrical power served by the system month-wise for FY 2020-21 as per regulation 19.1 (b) of the JSERC (Terms and conditions for Intra-State Open Access) Regulation,2016 for the determination of STOA charges for FY 2021-22.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the details of electrical power served by the system month-wise for FY 2020-21 is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure Q**.

Others:

1. Status of the Energy Accounting and audit of its transmission system based on the energy meters installed.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the energy accounting upto FY 2021-22 has been submitted before Hon'ble Commission.

2. Details to be submitted in respect of the efforts made by the Petitioner for re-financing of the loan or conversion of loan to grant by the state government.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that the JUSNL is making all efforts to re-finance the loan of the state government. The communication made in this regard is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure R**.

3. Status of segregation of SLDC from JUSNL.

JUSNL Reply: The JUSNL would like to submit that as per section 31 of the Electricity Act, 2003:

"31. (1) The State Government shall establish a Centre to be known as the State Load Despatch Centre for the purposes of exercising the powers and discharging the functions under this Part.

(2) The State Load Despatch Centre shall be operated by a Government company or any authority or corporation established or constituted by or under any State Act, as may be notified by the State Government.

Provided that until a Government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Despatch Centre:

Provided further that no State Load Despatch Centre shall engage in the business of trading in electricity."

As no Separate entity either in the form of Government company or authority or corporation has been notified by the State Government, the State Transmission Utility namely Jharkhand Urja Sacharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) is operating the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC).

Also, a resolution was taken in the meeting of the State Cabinet on 14.09.2021, according to which all the sanctioned posts as approved under resolution no. 2953 of the State Cabinet dated 15.09.2011 have been taken from the SLDC and in accordance with the section 31 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the sanctioned posts have been transferred to the State Transmission Utility (STU). A copy of the resolution is being enclosed along with this reply as **Annexure S**.