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Sub: Important issues related to tariff and other regulations.

Sir,

Indian Industries Association (IIA) is an apex body of MSME in U.P. having more than 7000 members through 37 Chapters. Since inception of UPERC, IIA has been actively participating in the activities of the Commission especially in Tariff issues, Electricity Supply Code review panel and UPERC State Advisory Committee etc. **In the reconstituted State Advisory Committee of UPERC, IIA is not a member hence the entire MSME Sector in the State is not represented in this important forum.**

We are approaching you to appraise you about some important issues as under and seek your intervention in the matter :-

1. In the tariff order issued on 31st March, 2010 some operational changes are made compared to the earlier tariff. It is practically not possible for all the consumers to access the entire text of the tariff order on website. Hence such changes should have been publicised by the Electricity Supply Companies for the information of the public which has not been done till date. To highlight the issue we are citing an example of Rate Schedule LMV-1 wherein in Pare-1 (c) – ii of the Tariff order FY 2008-09 some professionals were allowed to use their domestic premises for carrying out professional practice to the extent of Max-50 Sqm. This relaxation has been removed in the Tariff Order of 31st March, 2010. Large number of Professionals are unaware of this change and they are carrying out professional activities from respective residences even today. In such situation un knowingly they have become un-intentional offenders and can be subjected to sever punishment under Section 135 of Electricity Act.
2. Similarly some amendments were made in Electricity Act through Electricity (Amendment) Act 2007 which were made effective from 15th June 2007. No one publicised these amendments and large number of consumers were caught unaware.

3. Electrical Energy Meters are supplied and installed by the Electricity Supply company at the cost of consumers. However if the energy meter becomes faulty the consumer is penalised for none of his fault. Ideally consumers may be penalised for theft of electricity tempering of meter only and the meters with normal faults should be replaced by Electricity Supply company promptly without penalising the consumers.'

Submitted for kind consideration and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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