



INDIAN INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

AN APEX BODY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

(IN THE SERVICE OF MSME SINCE 1985)

Ref No.3/UPERC/0121

02.04.2020

To,
The Chairman
Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission
Lucknow

Subject: In view of Covid-19 pandemic and closure of Industries due to Lock Down, Request to pass Suo Moto Orders to exempt demand / fixed charges and minimum charges in electricity bills for the month of March and subsequently till lockdown for industries is not lifted

Sir,

Indian Industries Association (IIA) an apex representative body of MSME's in Uttar Pradesh would like to submit the following status of the industries in Uttar Pradesh as on date due to closure because of Lock Down conditions:-

1. All industries (except producers of essential items) remained closed for almost entire month of March 2020. Initially due to Holi being important festival in Uttar Pradesh, employees remained on leave from 8th March to 15 March then after 15 March due to Covid-19 panic situation and finally complete lockdown the industries are closed. As such the electricity consumption in industries was less than 15 % in March 2020. In April 2020 the lock down is announced till 14th April and the situation may take more time in to normalise for starting production activities in the industries.
2. The flow of funds in industries has dried out as such no working capital is available. Still industries are to pay wages to its employees / workers without any work, bear the burden of bank interest, make payment for raw material purchased and meet other fixed expenditures.
3. It is submitted for your kind information that keeping in view the financial crunch being faced by the industries, RBI have also issued Suo Moto Covid-19 regulatory package for industries for rescheduling of payments and easing of working capital financing.
4. Further is submitted for your kind information that Ministry of Energy Government of India have issued directives to all Power Producing Companies to give three months moratorium to all DISCOMs in the Country for payment by them to Power Producing Companies as such DISCOMs should extend this moratorium to the consumers.

In view of the status explained above, we request Honorable Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission to Suo Moto consider the relief to the industries in Uttar Pradesh as under in line with what RBI has done :-

1. ***Industries in Uttar Pradesh should not be charged demand / fixed charges and minimum charges for the month of March 2020 and April 2020 or still lockdown restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic are in force.***
2. ***For the month of March and April or till lockdown restrictions due to covid-19 are in force, industries in Uttar Pradesh should be charged for the units of electricity consumed only as per the unit rate approved by UPERC in the tariff order.***



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- 3. For the payment of Electricity Bills by industries a moratorium period of three months may be granted i.e industries may be allowed to deposit the electricity bills of March, April & May 2020 in three equal monthly installments starting June 2020.*

We hope Honorable Commission will be kind enough to accept our request and issue suitable orders to the Electricity Distribution Companies.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully
For Indian Industries Association

Manmohan Agarwal
General Secretary



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Ref. No.5/UKD/0010

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To,
The Chairman
Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission
Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Subject: In view of Covid-19 pandemic and closure of Industries due to Lock Down, Request to pass Suo Moto Orders to exempt demand / fixed charges and minimum charges in electricity bills for the month of March and subsequently till lockdown for industries is not lifted

Sir,

Indian Industries Association (IIA) an apex representative body of MSME's in Uttarakhand would like to submit the following status of the industries in Uttarakhand as on date due to closure because of Lock Down conditions:-

1. All industries (except producers of essential items) remained closed for almost entire month of March 2020. Initially due to Holi being important festival in Uttarakhand, employees remained on leave from 8th March to 15 March then after 15 March due to Covid-19 panic situation and finally complete lockdown the industries are closed. As such the electricity consumption in industries was less than 15 % in March 2020. In April 2020 the lock down is announced till 14th April and the situation may take more time in to normalise for starting production activities in the industries.
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In view of the status explained above, we request Honorable Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission to Suo Moto consider the relief to the industries in Uttarakhand as under in line with what RBI has done :-

1. *Industries in Uttarakhand should not be charged demand / fixed charges and minimum charges for the month of March 2020 and April 2020 or still lockdown restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic are in force.*
2. *For the month of March and April or till lockdown restrictions due to covid-19 are in force, industries in Uttarakhand should be charged for the units of electricity consumed only as per the unit rate approved by UERC in the tariff order.*



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