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# **Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission**

Ref. No. MERC/FAC/2022-23/0594

Date: 30 November, 2022

To,

The Chairman and Managing Director

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Prakashgad, Plot No. G-9 Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051

Subject:

Prior Approval of Fuel Adjustment Charges (FAC) submission of MSEDCL for

the month of July, 2022.

Reference:

1. MSEDCL's FAC submission dated 6 September, 2022 for prior approval of

FAC for the month of July, 2022.

2. Data gaps communicated to MSEDCL vide email dated 24 September, 2022.

3. MSEDCL's response to data gaps by email dated 10 October, 2022.

Sir,

Upon vetting the FAC calculations for the month of July, 2022 as mentioned in the above reference, the Commission has accorded approval for FAC amount of Rs. 763.75 Crore. However, the said amount is added to the FAC Fund along with carrying cost and total amount of Rs 1712.95 Crore is being carried forward and will be accumulated up to the month of August 2022 as per letter dated 5 April, 2022 issued by the Commission and accordingly the FAC chargeable to consumers is as shown in the table below:

Month	FAC Amount (Rs. Crore)
July 2022*	0 (Zero)

\*FAC is being levied as approved by the Commission in FAC Approval for May 2022 for the period July 2022 to November 2022

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar) Executive Director, MERC

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Detailed Vetting Report Date: 30 November, 2022

# PRIOR APPROVAL FOR FAC CHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2022

Subject:

Prior Approval of Fuel Adjustment Charges (FAC) submission of MSEDCL for

the month of July, 2022.

Reference:

MSEDCL's FAC submission dated 6 September, 2022 and 10 October, 2022

for prior approval of FAC for the month of July, 2022.

# 1. FAC submission by MSEDCL:

1.1 MSEDCL has submitted FAC submissions for the month of July, 2022 as referred above. Upon vetting the FAC calculations, taking cognizance of all the submissions furnished by MSEDCL against the data gaps issued, the Commission has accorded prior approval to MSEDCL for FAC amount of Rs. 763.75 Crore. However, the said amount is added to the FAC Fund along with carrying cost and total amount of Rs 1712.95 Crore is being carried forward and will be accumulated up to the month of August 2022 as per letter dated 5 April, 2022 issued by the Commission.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 On 30 March, 2020, the Commission has issued Tariff Order for MSEDCL, (Case No.322 of 2019) for True-up of FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19, provisional Truing-up for FY 2019-20, and Aggregate Revenue Requirement and Tariff for FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25. Revised Tariff has been made applicable from 1 April, 2020.
- 2.2 In the Tariff Order, the Commission has stipulated methodology of levying FAC as follows:
  - "8.5.12 Therefore, using its powers for Removing Difficulty under Regulations 106 of the MYT Regulations, 2019, the Commission is making following changes in the FAC mechanism stipulated under Regulation 10 of MYT Regulations, 2019:

Distribution Licensee shall undertake computation of monthly FAC as per Regulation 10 of the MYT Regulations, 2019 except for treatment to be given to negative FAC as follows:

- Negative FAC amount shall be carried forward to the next FAC billing cycle with holding cost;
- Such carried forward negative FAC shall be adjusted against FAC amount for the next month and balance negative amount shall be carried forward to subsequent month with holding cost;



- Such carry forward of negative FAC shall be continued till the accumulated negative FAC becomes 20% of monthly tariff revenue approved by the Commission in Tariff Order. In case of MSEDCL, such limit shall be Rs. 1500 crore. Any accumulated amount above such limit shall be refunded to consumers through FAC mechanism;
- In case such FAC Fund is yet to be generated or such generated fund is not sufficient to adjust against FAC computed for given month, then Distribution Licensee can levy such amount to the consumers through FAC mechanism.
- 8.5.13 In order to maintain transparency in management and use of such FAC Fund, the Distribution Licensee shall maintain monthly account of such FAC fund and upload it on its website for information of stakeholders. Further, till date, the Distribution Licensees have been levying FAC up to the prescribed limit of 20% of variable component of tariff without prior approval in accordance with the MYT Regulations, 2015, and submitting the FAC computations on a quarterly basis within 60 days of the close of each quarter, for post facto approval. However, as the Commission has now created a FAC fund as stated above to stabilise the increase in fuel prices and power purchase costs, the Commission has modified the FAC mechanism such that the Distribution Licensees shall submit the FAC computations on a monthly basis for prior approval, irrespective of whether FAC is chargeable in a month or whether some amount is accruing to the Fund on account of negative FAC.
- 8.5.14 The details of the FAC as per the Regulations, shall be submitted by the 15th of the every month prior to the month on which the FAC is proposed to be levied and the Commission will endeavour to decide on the same within 10 days so that the same can be levied from the 1st of the subsequent month. This prior approval will facilitate the addressing of any difficulties that may arise in giving effect to this fund. All the details will be submitted by the Distribution Licensee as is being done for approval of FAC on post facto basis. Thus the FAC to the consumers shall now be levied with prior approval of the Commission"
- 2.3 Vide its letter dated 20 April, 2020, the Commission communicated the excel formats along with the checklist to file FAC submissions for prior approval to all Distribution Licensees. The Commission also directed all Distribution Licensees to file FAC submissions by 15<sup>th</sup> of every month prior to the month for which the FAC is proposed to be levied for prior approval.
- 2.4 Accordingly, MSEDCL has filed FAC submissions for the month of July, 2022 for prior approval. The Commission has scrutinized the submissions provided by MSEDCL and has also verified the fuel and power purchase bills provided along with its submissions.



3.1 The net energy sales within licence area as submitted by MSEDCL in the FAC submission and as approved by the Commission are as shown in the table below:

Consumer Category	Yearly Approved by the	Monthly	Actual Sales
Consumer Category	Commission (MU)	Approved (MU)	July 2022 (MU)
HT Category			
Industry (General)	36,590.51	2,951.03	3,115.34
Industry (Seasonal)	102.93	2.21	2.42
Commercial	1,968.12	159.94	143.40
Railways/Metro/Monorail	83.72	6.61	8.52
Public Water Works (PWW)	2,101.00	178.74	181.32
Agricultural – Pumpsets	1,323.16	19.20	18.90
Agricultural – Others	275.94	22.07	21.89
Group Housing Society (Residential)	243.80	20.06	18.98
Public Services - Government	298.91	25.25	27.10
Public Services – Others	902.93	75.76	65.35
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	0.31	0.03	4.04
MSPGCL Auxiliary	183.74	13.91	22.52
Other Adjustment	4,842.00	403.50	554.29
Sub-total (A)	48,917.06	3,878.31	4,184.08
LT Category			
BPL	49.63	3.08	4.76
Residential	25,151.26	2,198.56	2,134.71
Non-Residential	8,120.69	674.28	503.93
Public Water Works	993.84	78.67	71.65
AG Metered (Pump-sets)	18,612.07	1,623.87	1,496.00
AG Metered (Others)	140.00	11.11	17.70
Industrial	10,571.64	876.54	972.12
Street Lights	2,571.73	217.60	89.31
Public Services	649.79	57.63	63.09
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	0.23	0.02	0.12
Sub-total (B)	66,860.87	5,741.36	5,353.39
Total - Metered (C = A+B)	1,15,777.93	9,619.67	9,537.47
Unmetered Sale (D)	8,783.32	665.29	786.00
Grand Total(C+D)	1,24,561.25	10,284.96	10,323.47

<sup>\*</sup> Other Adjustment is related to Sales to Open Access Consumer (Conventional and Renewable)

3.2 For the month of July, 2022, it is observed that actual sales of 10323.47 MU is marginally higher as compared to the approved energy sales of 10284.96 MU.



- 3.3 MSEDCL has submitted the data providing actual billing and estimated billing undertaken for the calculation of total energy consumption for the month of July, 2022. As per the data, the billing of about 97.2% of sales is undertaken as per actual meter readings and balance 2.8% is assessed on an estimated basis. 100% of HT billing is undertaken on actual basis and estimation is only for LT category. The figures do not include the agriculture sales which is on estimated basis for the month of July, 2022.
- 3.4 The number of actual and estimated meter readings undertaken by MSEDCL for the month of July, 2022 except for agriculture consumers are as given below:

Sr. No.	Particulars	No. of Meters for which actual meter reading is done either manually or through AMR	No. of Meters for which meter reading are estimated.	Total Meters	
1	НТ	22731	0	22731	
2	LT	21069786	3488242	24558028	
	Total	21092517	3488242	24580759	

3.5 Further, comparison of sales for April, 2022 to July, 2022 as compared to last year is as shown below:

Particulars	LT - Residential (MU)	LT Others (MU)	HT (MU)	Ag- Unmetered	Total (MU)
Apr-21	2010	3231	3734	677	9652
Apr-22	2241	3281	4262	779	10563
May-21	2024	3091	3508	677	9300
May-22	2522	3334	4453	779	11088
June-21	2026	3126	3553	677	9382
June-22	2577	3977	4229	1059	11842
July-21	2032	2879	3716	665	9293
July-22	2135	3219	4184	786	10323
April-21 to July-21	8092	12327	14511	2697	37627
April-22 to July-22	9475	13811	17128	3403	43817

- 3.6 The Commission observes that overall sales in July, 2022 have increased as compared to July, 2021 due to increase in sales across all categories.
- 3.7 MSEDCL has considered agriculture sales are estimated based on consumption norms as



per Tariff Order and previous three-year trend is used for estimation of monthly sale. The Commission while approving the FAC for the month of July, 2022 has restricted the agriculture sales to approved sales (based on the approved norm of Consumption/HP) as specified in MYT Tariff Order. MSEDCL in response to data gaps raised by the Commission has submitted the load (HP) details of agriculture connections. Further, the Commission has approved monthly sales for the agriculture connections. Accordingly, the Commission has computed the norm of consumption/HP based on the monthly approved agriculture sales and considered the norms based on monthly approved sales for allowing the sales for the month of July, 2022. Any adjustment in sales due to HP variation will be reconciled while actual data is submitted as per actual billing undertaken by MSEDCL. Based on the norms approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order, the agriculture sales - metered and unmetered approved by the Commission are as given below:

Particulars		Metered			Unmetered	1	Total			
	Sale in MU's	Cumulative Load (HP)	Consumpti on / HP – Units	Sale in MU's	Cumulative Load (HP)	Consumpti on / HP - Units	Sale in MU's	Cumulative Load (HP)	Consumpti on / HP - Units	
MSEDCL - April 22- July 22	6630	59984060	111	3403	31752490	107	10033	91736550	109	
As Approved  - April 22- July 22	5855	59984060	98	2884	31752490	91	8739	91736550	95	

3.8 Based on the agriculture sales approved in the above table, the Commission has restricted 71.60 MU for unmetered connections in agriculture sales for the month of July 2022 and considered in computation of Distribution Loss to restrict the consumption based on actual sales per HP or approved Sales per HP, whichever is lower.

#### 4. Power Purchase Details

- 4.1 The Commission has approved following sources in the Tariff Order for power purchase by MSEDCL.
  - a) MSPGCL
  - b) Central Generating Stations i.e., NTPC, TAPP etc.
  - c) IPPs i.e., JSW, Adani Power, Mundra UMPP, Emco, Rattan India and Sai Wardha
  - d) Renewable Energy (Solar and Non-Solar)

In addition to the aforesaid, MSEDCL procures power in short term, though the said source is not approved by the Commission, in case of any shortfall of approved sources or to optimize the power purchase cost. Also, there may be some variation in real time (unscheduled interchange) which will be settled through Balancing and Settlement Mechanism approved by the Commission.

4.1 Summary of Power Purchase from MSEDCL is as follows:



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Sr. No.	Particular	A PARTICLE A	Co	mpliance							
1	Sources of approved Power Purchase	addition, power power purchase	is procured cost	on power excha	proved sources. In nge to optimise the						
2	Merit Order Dispatch	MSEDCL has f preference was			duling of power and						
3	Fuel Utilization Plan	_		er approved Fu below – Para 5.8	el Utilisation Plan 8 and Para 5.9)						
4	Deviation Quantum	MSEDCL has u	ınderdrawn (	74.24 MU) from	the actual schedule						
5	Sale of Surplus Power		MSEDCL has sold 19.94 MU at Rs.7.56/kWh thereby benefitting its consumers. MSEDCL has also returned 492.14 MU towards banking.								
6	Power Purchase	Actual Net Pow 11895.28 MU.	Actual Net Power Purchase is 10695.88 MU as against approved 11895.28 MU.								
7	Source wise Power Purchase	Source Name	Approved (MU)	Actual (MU)	Proportion of each Source in Actual Purchase						
		MSPGCL	3,811.48	3,492.88	33%						
		NTPC	2,120.37	3,121.47	29%						
		IPP	2,501.11	2,236.21	21%						
		Renewable	2,919.23	1,617.03	15%						
		Must Run	543.09	395.48	4%						
		Short Term	0.00	419.13	4%						
		Sale of Power	0.00	-512.08	-5%						
		DSM	0.00	-74.24	-1%						
		Total	11,895.28	10,695.88	100%						
8	Power Purchase: a. Section 62 of Electricity Act, 2003	As your of well-first of Good and also delay MCCDCL the									
	b. Section 63 of Electricity Act, 2003 – IPPs	B. CGS- NTPC etc  Cost and MUs are verified as per invoice  Cost and MUs verified as per Invoice									



Sr. No.	Particular	Compliance
9	RE Purchase	Cost and MUs verified as per summary of renewable purchase details submitted by MSEDCL and invoices of power purchased from SECI, NVVN and other IPPs.
10	Short Term Power Purchase	Short-term power purchase invoices of July, 2022 are submitted by MSEDCL. All the power purchase quantum and rate are verified from the invoices and has been considered for FAC calculation.

4.2 The following table show the variation in average power purchase cost (Rs/kWh) for the month of July, 2022 submitted by MSEDCL as compared to average power purchase cost approved in Tariff Order:

		er Dated 30 ed for July,		Actual for Ju	ily, 2022 as s MSEDCL	ubmitted by	Variation			
Particulars	Quantum	PP Cost	Averag e Power Purcha se Cost	Quantum	PP Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost	Quantum	PP Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost	
	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kW h	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kWh	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kWh	
MSPGCL - Thermal	3,531.50	1,579.54	4.47	3,251.21	1,745.83	5.37	(280.29)	166.28	0.90	
MSPGCL- Hydro (including Lease Rent)	279.98	70.19	2.51	241.66	62.80	2.60	(38.32)	(7.39)	0.09	
NTPC	2,120.37	843.61	3.98	3,121.47	1,369.04	4.39	1,001.09	525.42	0.41	
1.JSW	164.28	66.05	4.02	_		-	(164.28)	(66.05)		
2.Mundra UMPP	438.07	137.12	3.13	-	0.05		(438.07)	(137.07)	=	
3.Adani Power	1,782.40	693.30	3.89	1,467.54	818.70	5.58	(314.86)	125.40	1.69	
4.Emco	116.36	57.64	4.95	78.49	33.48	4.26	(37.87)	(24.16)	(0.69)	
5.Rattan India	0.00	57.71	-	571.50	220.61	3.86	571.50	162,91	3.86	
6. Sai Wardha	0.00	0.00	-	118.68	55.20	4.65	118.68	55.20	4.65	
Total IPPs (1 to 6)	2,501.11	1,011.82	4.05	2,236.21	1,128.04	5.04	(264.89)	116.23	1.00	
7.Non-Solar	2,288.81	1,033.47	4.52	1,051.96	482.73	4.59	(1,236.85)	(550.74)	0.07	
8.Solar	630.42	220.33	3.49	565.07	203.75	3.61	(65.35)	(16.58)	0.11	
Renewable Energy including REC (7 to 8)	2,919.23	1,253.80	4.29	1,617.03	686.48	4.25	(1,302.20)	(567.32)	(0.05)	
Must Run - KAPP,	543.09	150.29	2.77	395.48	125.42	3.17	(147.61)	(24.86)	0.40	



		er Dated 30 ed for July,		Actual for Ju	dy, 2022 as s MSEDCL	ubmitted by	Variation			
Particulars	Quantum	PP Cost	e Power Purcha se Cost Rs/kW	Quantum MU	PP Cost  Rs.  Crore	Average Power Purchase Cost	Quantum	PP Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost	
	MU	Rs. Crore								
TAPP, Dodson etc										
Short Term	0.00	0.00	-	419.13	198.31	4.73	419.13	198.31	4.73	
Sale of Power	0.00	0.00	-	-512.08	-14.98	0.29	(512.08)	(14.98)	(0.29)	
DSM	0.00	0.00	-	-74.24	-14.41	1.94	(74.24)	(14.41)	(1.94)	
PGCIL	0.00	305.16	-	-	224.31	-	-	(80.85)	-	
Total	11,895.28	5,214.41	4.38	10,695.88	5,510.84	5.15	(1,199.40)	296.43	0.77	

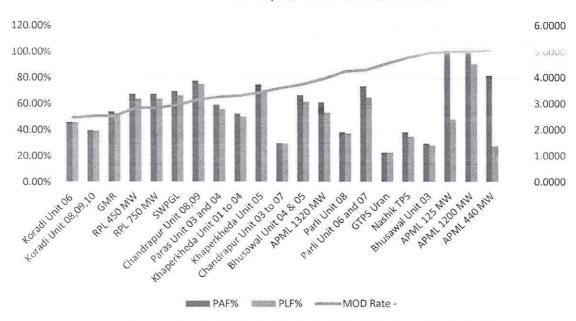
- 4.3 Thus, for the month of July, 2022, total variation in power purchase cost is Rs. 296.43 Crore, out of which Rs. (525.77) Crore was on account of lower quantum (1199.40 MU) of power purchase and Rs. 822.20 Crore was on account of higher rate of average power purchase by Rs. 0.77/kWh. FAC mechanism allows only impact of variation in power purchase rate to be passed through as FAC rate over and above approved tariff. The Commission observes that increase in power purchase without corresponding increase in sales than approved by the Commission has resulted in higher distribution loss than approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order.
- 4.4 The detailed explanation in respect of approval of cost of power purchase of each of the source mentioned in the above table is given in subsequent paragraphs.

#### 5. Power Purchase Cost

- 5.1 The Commission has sought detailed bills/invoices for all of the power purchase sources in order to verify the claim of MSEDCL with regards to average power purchase cost for the month of July, 2022. The Commission has verified the Net Purchase, Variable Cost, Fixed Charge and the Power Purchase Cost from the relevant bills/invoices received for all purchasing sources. MSEDCL has purchased power from approved sources as per the Tariff Order.
- 5.2 It was observed that due to planned/forced outages during the month, the availability of some of the MSPGCL and IPP generating stations was lower than normative availability.
- 5.3 The Commission notes that CGS stations having lower variable cost were dispatched almost to the extent of availability declared by the generator.
- 5.4 The Commission has also verified the PLF% and MOD rates of all the operational State Generating Stations and IPPs and has found that units having lower rates in MOD had

higher PLF. The graph showing the comparison of Variable Cost in MoD Stack and monthly Plant Availability Factor and PLF for SGS and IPPs is given below:





SGS/IPPs Stations are considered for comparison and MOD Rate considered is as applicable from 16 July, 2022 to 31 July, 2022.

#### MSPGCL:

- 5.5 The Commission has observed that MSEDCL has purchased 4380.60 MU from MSPGCL Thermal and Gas Stations. It was observed that MSEDCL has purchased energy from Bhusawal, Nashik, Parli 6-7 and Parli 8 generating stations of MSPGCL even though not included in MoD stack approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order because actual rates considered for MoD were lower than the approved rate. Further, due to meet the demand due to outage of units for various reasons like coal shortage, forced outage, all thermal plants were taken on bar.
- 5.6 The total overall generation was lower than approved during the month. The monthly fixed cost was payable in line with MYT Regulations, 2019 considering the availability of the Plant. The Commission has verified that the fixed cost for all the Thermal/Gas Units as well as Hydro Units has been considered as per invoice raised by MSPGCL for July, 2022. The comparison of Actual and Approved Fixed and Variable Cost of MSPGCL Thermal/Gas units as shown in the table below shows the impact of fixed cost due to lower actual generation.

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Particular	Approved for July, 2022	Actual for July, 2022	Variations



	Quantum	vc	vc	FC	FC	APPC	Quantu m	vc	vc	FC	FC	APPC	Quantum	VC	FC	APP C
	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh
MSPGCL - Thermal	3,531.50	2.66	939.99	639.56	1.81	4.47	3,251.21	3.94	1,280.30	465.52	1.43	5.37	(280.29)	1.28	(0.38)	0.90

Variable charge inclusive of other charges (Fuel adjustment charges, CIL etc.)

- 5.7 The Commission has verified that fixed cost for all the Thermal/Gas Units as well as Hydro Units has been considered as per invoice raised by MSPGCL and as submitted by MSEDCL for the said units.
- 5.8 The Commission in its Order dated 30 March, 2020 in Case No 296 of 2019 has approved Fuel Utilisation Plan of MSPGCL. The Commission in the said Order has given in principle approval for the various measures proposed by MSPGCL including coal beneficiation and procurement of imported coal to meet the requirement of coal for maintaining normative availability and accordingly approved the variable/energy charges for the MSPGCL Stations.
- 5.9 The Commission notes that while approving the FUP, the washed coal and imported coal was required to be used in all the MSPGCL stations except Paras and Parli Stations. However, MSPGCL has finalised tie up for imported coal through competitive bidding from May 2022. The imported coal and washed coal was used as per FUP except at Koradi 6 and Nashik respectively in July, 2022.
- 5.10 MSEDCL submitted that CIMFR reports for most of the coal samples for coal supplied in July, 2022 to all the MSPGCL stations are likely to be received in August 2022, hence MSPGCL has raised provisional FAC bill considering GCV as per the methodology submitted by MSPGCL in Case No 97 of 2020 as given below:
  - a. GCV- As Billed: Consideration of certified loading end GCV data wherever available and where certified data is not available, use mid-point of declared grade GCV.
  - b. GCV As Received: GCV is considered based on the results available at each Station from their respective Station Laboratory.

Accordingly, MSPGCL has raised provisional FAC bill dated 08 August, 2022 considering the aforesaid methodology.

5.11 The comparison of Approved and Actual Energy Charge (including FAC) is as given below:

Power Station	Approved Energy Charge Rs/kWh	Actual Energy Charge Rs/kWh	Difference Rs/kWh	Difference %
Bhusawal Unit 03	4.102	5.467	1.365	33.28%
Bhusawal Unit 04 & 05	3.436	3.930	0.494	14.38%
Khaperkheda Unit 1 to 4	2.945	4.218	1.273	43.23%
Khaperkheda Unit 05	2.583	4.158	1.575	60.98%



Power Station	Approved Energy Charge Rs/kWh	Actual Energy Charge Rs/kWh	Difference Rs/kWh	Difference %
Nashik TPS	3.569	5.014	1.445	40.49%
Chandrapur Unit 03 to 07	2.658	4.131	1.473	55.42%
Chandrapur Unit 08 and 09	2.573	3.754	1.181	45.90%
Paras Unit 03 and 04	3.146	3.188	0.042	1.34%
Parli Unit 06 and 07	4.240	4.359	0.119	2.81%
Parli Unit 08	4.060	4.272	0.212	5.22%
Koradi Unit 06	2.920	2.837	-0.083	-2.84%
Koradi Unit 08,09,10	2.398	3.390	0.992	41.37%
GTPS Uran	2.847	4.602	1.755	61.64%

- 5.12 The Commission notes that for the month of July, 2022, energy charge of all stations except Parli, Paras and Koradi 6 have increased in view of usage of imported coal. The imported coal rate was higher (Rs 16200/MT to Rs 17000/MT) as compared to approved by the Commission (Rs 7000/MT to 8000/MT) in the Tariff Order leading to higher Energy Charge. As mentioned above, MSPGCL has awarded contract for washing of coal and such washed coal is being used for to Bhusawal, Koradi 8,9,10, Koradi 6, Khaperkheda 1-4 and 5 and Chandrapur 3-7 and 8-9 units in July, 2022. Further, actual Energy Charge is being computed considering GCV loss of 600 kCal/kg applicable from April, 2022 as allowed by the Commission in review Order dated 1 March, 2021 of MSPGCL as against 475 kCal/kg considered by the Commission while approving Energy Charge in the Tariff Order. This has also resulted in increase of Energy Charge of 3-16 Paise/kWh for the aforesaid stations.
- 5.13 It is also observed that Energy Charge of Uran has also increased considerably for July 2022. This is due to the fact that prices of APM Gas have increased due to increase in notified APM gas price from \$2.90/MMBTU (upto March 2022) to \$6.10/MMBTU from April 2022 by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.
- 5.14 The Commission has verified that actual quantum of power purchase and cost from the detailed summary bills/invoices submitted by MSEDCL and found to be in order.
- 5.15 Considering the overall cost of MSPGCL thermal/gas stations, the average power purchase cost is Rs. 5.37/kWh as against Rs. 4.47/kWh approved in the Tariff Order. The average power purchase cost is higher due to higher variable cost by Rs 0.90/kWh, which is offset by lower fixed cost/unit (Rs 0.38/kWh) due to lower availability than approved by the Commission.
- 5.16 Variation in power purchase expenses from MSPGCL can be divided on account of change in quantum and per unit rate as follows:

Month Increase in Expenses for power purchase from MSPGCL (Rs. Crore)



	On Account of change	On Account of change	
	Quantum of Power	in Per Unit rate of	Total
	Purchase	Power Purchase	
July, 2022	(125.36)	291.65	166.28

5.17 Out of above, variation on account of per unit rate is only considered for FAC computation.

#### NTPC:

- 5.18 MSEDCL has purchased total 3121.47 MUs of power from NTPC's stations as compared to approved MoD stack of 2120.37 MUs during the month of July, 2022.
- 5.19 The Table below shows the variation in power purchase in terms of per unit variable charge, per unit fixed charge and average power purchase cost for NTPC's generating stations for July, 2022.

		A	pproved for	July 2022				Ac	tual for July	2022				Variat	ions	
Particul	Quantum	vc	vc	FC	FC	APP C	Quantu m	vc	VC	FC	FC	AP PC	Quantum	VC	FC	APPC
ars	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./kWh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./ kW h	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	Rs./kW
NTPC	2,120.37	1.90	403.13	440.48	2.08	3.98	3,121.47	2.98	928.67	440.37	1.41	4.39	1,001.09	1.07	(0.67)	0.41

Variable charge inclusive of other charges (Fuel adjustment charges, CIL etc.)

- 5.20 In response to data gaps raised by the Commission in respect of increase in variable cost, NTPC submitted that due to coal shortage scenario and MoP notification, non-pit head NTPC stations (KhSTPS-II, Muada -I and II, Solapur, Gadarwara and Khargone) are utilizing imported coal for blending. Imported coal being costly, variable cost of these stations has increased than approved rates. The Commission has verified that actual quantum of power purchase and cost from the detailed summary bills/invoices submitted by MSEDCL and found to be in order and accordingly considered the same in FAC computation.
- 5.21 Variation in power purchase expenses from NTPC can be divided into on account of change in quantum and per unit rate as follows:

	Increase in Expenses	for power purchase from NTI	PC (Rs. Crore)
Month	On Account of change Quantum of Power Purchase	On Account of increased Per Unit rate of Power Purchase	Total
July, 2022	398.30	127.13	525.42

Out of above, variation on account of per unit rate is only considered for FAC computation.

**IPPs** 



- 5.22 MSEDCL has long term PPA's with IPP's viz: JSW, CGPL Mundra, APML, Emco and Rattan India. The said PPAs are approved by the Commission and power availability from the said sources is considered as per Tariff Order issued by the Commission. Further, MSEDCL has signed PPA with Sai Wardha Power Generation Ltd (SWPGL) for 240 MW as per the Order dated 15 June 2020 in Case No 91 of 2020. SWPGL started delivering 240 MW power to MSEDCL from 5 July 2020.
- 5.23 During scrutiny of the invoices submitted by MSEDCL it was observed that there were differences in the other charges related to Change in Law as considered in FAC computations. The Commission sought clarifications on the same along with reconciliation and additional bills, if any. MSEDCL submitted the reconciliation and clarified that the aforesaid differences are mainly on account of Change in Law (CIL) claim by IPPs in addition to monthly energy bills during the respective period.
- 5.24 Change in Law (CIL) events in respect of IPPs are related to imposition of GST compensation cess, change in royalty, custom duty, change in NCDP, shortfall in domestic coal etc. These Change in Law events have been approved by the respective Commission's through various Orders, as the case may be, under the provisions of respective PPAs. MSEDCL has submitted the CIL invoices for the concerned period. Further, while scrutinizing the CIL bills it was observed that the amount shown in CIL bills/invoices were not matching against the respective amount considered in FAC computation. In fact, the amounts considered in FAC calculations were observed to be lesser than that of CIL bills/invoices except for claim related to SHAKTI. Change in Law claims raised by the generators are according to their technical parameters, whereas MSEDCL works out the CIL claim amount based on normative / actual parameters. These parameters include SHR of power plant, Auxiliary consumption, GCV of coal, etc. which have impact of coal consumption. Therefore, there is difference in CIL amount claimed by generator and that worked out by MSEDCL. MSEDCL has submitted the detailed reconciliation of CIL, as summarised in Table below:

IPP	As per	Vendor -	Rs Cr	As per MSEDCL – Rs Cr					
	CIL	Shakti	Total	CIL	Shakti	Total			
JSW	-	-	-	-	-	-			
CGPL	-	-	-	-	-	-			
APML 125 MW	3.56	25.12	28.68	1.79	7.96	9.75			
APML 1320 MW	18.61	292.84	311.45	18.20	55.85	74.05			
APML 1200 MW	34.20	241.14	275.34	32.75	145.45	178.20			
APML 440 MW	5.07	55.05	60.12	3.69	16.39	20.09			
EMCO Power	3.84	-	3.84	3.27	-	3.27			
RIPL 450 MW	11.51	-	11.51	12.62	-	12.62			
RIPL 750 MW	19.19	-	19.19	21.04	-	21.04			
Sai Wardha	5.75	-	5.75	5.40	-	5.40			
Total	101.73	614.15	715.88	98.77	225.66	324.43			

5.25 Thus, on an overall basis considering the above impact, the average power purchase cost from IPPs stands at Rs. 5.04/kWh as compared to monthly approved rate of Rs. 4.05/kWh



for the month of July, 2022. The said cost is being considered for the FAC computation based on the scrutiny of invoices and details submitted by MSEDCL.

5.26 The table below shows the variation in power purchase in terms of per unit variable charge, per unit fixed charge and average power purchase cost for IPPs for July, 2022.

		A	proved for	July, 2022				A	ctual for Jul	y, 2022			Variations			
Particul ars	Quantum	vc	vc	FC	FC	APP C	Quantu m	vc	VC	FC	FC	APPC	Quantum	VC	FC	APPC
	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./kWh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	Rs./kW h
1.JSW	164.28	3.23	53.03	13.01	0.79	4.02	-	-	-	-	-		(164.28)			
2.Mundr a UMPP	438.07	2.22	97.17	39.96	0.91	3.13	-	-	0.05	-	-	_	(438.07)	-	-	_
3.Adani Power	1,782.40	2.62	466.45	226.85	1.27	3.89	1,467.54	4.03	591.66	227.05	1.55	5.58	(314.86)	1.41	0.27	1.69
4.Emco	116.36	3.67	42.74	14.90	1.28	4.95	78.49	2.30	18.08	15.39	1.96	4.26	(37.87)	(1.37)	0.68	(0.69)
5.Rattan India	-	#DIV: 0!	_	57.71			571.50	3.04	173.81	46.80	0.82	3.86	571.50			
6. Sai Wardha		#DIV/ 0!					118.68	2.97	35.28	19.92	1.68	4.65	118.68			
Total IPPs (1 to 6)	2,501,11	2.64	659,39	352.43	1.41	4.05	2,236,21	3,66	818.88	309.16	1.38	5.04	(264.89)	1.026	(0.03)	1.00

Variable charge inclusive of other charges, CIL etc.

5.27 Variation in power purchase expenses from IPPs can be divided into increased on account of change in quantum and per unit rate as follows:

	Increase in Expense	s for power purchase from IP	P (Rs. Crore)
Month	On Account of change	On Account of	
IVIOITIII	Quantum of Power	increased Per Unit rate	Total
	Purchase	of Power Purchase	
July 2022	(107.16)	223.39	116.23

Out of above, variation on account of increased per unit rate is only considered for FAC computation.

#### **Short Term Power Purchase**

5.28 MSEDCL has purchased 419.13 MU at average rate of Rs. 4.73/kWh from Power Exchange. The Commission notes that it has not approved any short-term purchase in the Tariff Order. However, MSEDCL has purchased short term power to meet the increased demand in view of lower availability of contracted thermal Plants. The Commission has verified the details of power purchase cost from the Daily Obligation Summary Report issued by Power Exchange and accordingly considered the said purchase in FAC computation of July 2022.

**Must-Run Sources** 



- 5.29 The sources of Must Run Stations include KAPP, TAPP 1&2, TAPP 3&4, SSP, Pench, Dodson I and Dodson II, Renewable Energy and MSPGCL Hydro (including Ghatghar) etc.
- 5.30 A detailed comparison of approved against actual purchase from Must Run Stations is shown in Table below:

			Approved for	r July 2022			209-53	A	ctual for Jul	y 2022			griffia.	Varia	itions	
Particular s	Quant	VC	VC	FC	FC	APP C	Quantu m	vc	VC	FC	FC	APPC	Quantu m	VC	FC	APPC
	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./kWh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	Rs./kW
MSPGCL- Hydro*	279.98			23.87	0.85	0.85	241.66	0.27	6.41	13.39	0.55	0.82	(38.32)	0.27	(0.30)	(0.03)
MSPGCL- Hydro Lease rent			-	46.32	_	-	-	-	-	42.99	-	-	-	_		
I.Non- Solar	2,288.8 1	4.52	1,033.47	_	_	4.52	1,051.96	4.55	479.17	3.56	0.03	1.59	(1,236.8	0.01	003	nn*
2.Solar	630.42	3.49	220.33	_	_	3.49	565.07	3.61	203.75			3.61	(65.35)	0.11	_	0.11
Renewabl e Energy including REC (1 to 2)	2,919.2	4.29	1,253.80			4.29	1,617.03	4.22	682.92	3.56	0.02	4.25	(1,302.2 0)	(0.07)	0.02	(0.05)
Others- KAPP, TAPP, Dodson etc	543.09	2.75	149.50	0.79	0.01	2.77	395.48	3.15	124.63	0.79	0.02	3.17	(147.61)	0.40	0.01	0.40

- \*Variable Cost for Hydro Power is approved in MSPGCL Order whereas total cost is considered under Fixed Cost in the Tariff Order of MSEDCL.
- 5.31 As seen from the aforesaid table, MSEDCL has purchased 241.66 MU of Hydro Power as per variable cost approved by the Commission. This being the cheapest source of power helps in reduction of overall average cost of power purchase. The Koyna generation works on the principle of water year (1st June to 30 May) and hence the available water is used for the peak requirement based on the requirement of MSEDCL. It is observed that hydro purchase is lower than 279.98 MU approved by the Commission due to rainy season and demand was catered from the thermal & other must run generation and Koyna hydro was utilized during peak demand hours as per daily requirements.
- 5.32 It is observed that Solar and Non-Solar energy purchased in July, 2022 i.e., 1617.03 MU was lower than approved i.e., 2919.23 MU by the Commission in the Tariff Order. The generation is lower due to low wind and lower solar capacity addition due to pandemic than considered by the Commission in the Tariff Order. MSEDCL has not purchased any RECs in the month of July, 2022. The Commission observes that MSEDCL has purchased 10.77 MU of RE power from G-DAM Market at Rs 5.35/kWh. The Commission has considered the renewable purchase as per details submitted by MSEDCL and invoices of power purchased from SECI, NVVN and other IPPs.

**ISTS Charges - CTU** 



5.33 As per Regulation 10 of the MYT Regulations, 2019, any variation in Inter-State Transmission Charges shall be pass through under FAC component of Z-factor charge as an adjustment in Tariff on monthly basis. The ISTS charges paid by MSEDCL to Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd (CTU) are considered under FAC computation. Accordingly, the Commission has considered the amount of Rs. 224.31 Crore towards ISTS charges payable to payable to CTU as against Rs. 305.16 Crore approved in the Tariff Order towards FAC computation as per invoice raised by CTU.

#### Sale of Power

- 5.34 MSEDCL has sold/banked surplus power to the extent of 512.08 MU during the month of July, 2022 and has earned revenue of Rs. 14.98 Crore.
- 5.35 It is observed that MSEDCL sold 15.35 MU on IEX at Rs 8.34 /kWh and also sold 4.97 MU to BRPL on DEEP Portal at Rs 4.97/kWh. The sales realisation of Rs 7.56/kWh was more than that of variable cost of generator running above technical minimum operating in MOD thereby benefitting the consumers. Further, MSEDCL has also returned banked power (492.14 MU) to PTC, BYPL, IPCL and TPDDL in the month of July 2022. Hence, the Commission has considered the actual quantum and revenue against surplus sale.

# **Deviation Quantum and Cost**

5.36 MSEDCL has submitted that the deviation quantum (underdrawl) as per invoice raised by MSLDC is 74.24 MU and corresponding realisation is Rs 14.41 Crore. Accordingly, the Commission has considered the said Deviation quantum and cost in the FAC computation for the month of July, 2022.

# **Approved Cost of Power Purchase**

5.37 In view of the above, the overall cost approved in the Tariff Order and actual for the month of July, 2022 considered by the Commission is as shown below:

	A 12 13 15	A	pproved for	July 2022			45.55	A	ctual for Ju	y 2022				Variat	ions	
Particul	Quantum	vc	vc	FC	FC	APP C	Quantum	VC	VC	FC	FC	AP PC	Quantum	VC	FC	APPC
ars	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./kW h	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./ kW h	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	Rs./kW h
MSPGC L	2.521.50	2//	020.00	(20.5)	1.01	1 47	2 261 21	204	1 200 20	165.52	1.42		(200.20)	1.20	40.20	0.00
Thermal MSPGC	3,531.50	2.66	939.99	639.56	1.81	4.47	3,251.21	3.94	1,280.30	465.52	1.43	5.37	(280.29)	1.28	(0.38)	0.90
L-Hydro	279.98	_		23.87	0.85	0.85	241.66	0.27	6.41	13.39	0.55	0.82	(38.32)	0.27	(0.30)	(0.03)
MSPGC L- Hydro Lease Rent		-	-	46.32	-	-	-	-	-	42.99	-	-	-	-	-	-
NTPC	2,120.37	1.90	403.13	440.48	2.08	3.98	3,121.47	2.98	928.67	440.37	1.41	4.39	1,001.09	1.07	(0.67)	0.41
IPPs	2,501.11	2.64	659.39	352.43	1.41	4.05	2,236.21	3.66	818.88	309.16	1.38	5.04	(264.89)	1.03	(0.03)	1.00
RE includin g REC	2,919.23	4.29	1,253.80			4.29	1,617.03	4.22	682.92	3,56	0.02	4.25	(1,302.20)	(0.07)	0.02	(0.05)
Must Run -	543,09	2.75	149.50	0.79	0.01	2.77	395.48	3.15	124.63	0.79	0.02	3.17	(147.61)	0.40	0.01	0.40

		A	pproved for	July 2022				A	ctual for Jul	ly 2022				Variations		
Particul ars	Quantum	VC	VC	FC	FC	APP C	Quantum	vc	VC	FC	FC	AP PC	Quantum	VC	FC	APPC
ars	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	MU	Rs./kW h	Rs. Crore	Rs. Crore	Rs./k Wh	Rs./ kW h	MU	Rs./k Wh	Rs./k Wh	Rs./kW h
KAPP, TAPP, Dodson etc																
Short Term	-	-	-	-	-	-	419.13	4.73	198.31	-		4.73	419.13	-	-	-
Sale of Power	-	-	-		-	-	512.08	0.29	14.98	_	-	0.29	512.08	-	-	•
DSM	_	=	-		-	-	(74.24)	1.94	(14.41)	_	-	1.94	(74.24)	-		-
PGCIL	-		·	305.16	-	*		-		224.31	2947	•				-
Total	11,895.28	2.86	3,405.80	1,808.61	1.52	4.38	10,695.88	3,75	4,010.74	1,500.10	1.40	5,15	(1,199.40)	0.89	(0.12)	0.77

Variable charge inclusive of other charges (Fuel adjustment charges, CIL etc.)

- 5.38 The overall power purchase cost is higher mainly due to variable cost of power supplied by MSPGCL, NTPC and IPPs. However, the higher variable cost is offset by lower fixed cost/unit due to higher despatch than approved by the Commission from MSPGCL, IPPs and NTPC.
- 5.39 Considering the above, the Commission allows the average power purchase cost of Rs.5.15/kWh for the month of July, 2022 as against Rs. 4.38/kWh approved in the Tariff Order.

# 6. FAC on account of fuel and power purchase cost (F)

- 6.1 The Commission has worked out the average power purchase cost for the month of July, 2022 as shown in above table. The same has been compared with the average power purchase cost approved by the Commission in Tariff Order dated 30 March, 2020 and accordingly arrived at differential per unit rate at which Z<sub>FAC</sub> is to be passed on to the consumers.
- 6.2 The following table shows the  $Z_{FAC}$  worked out by the Commission on account of difference in fuel and power purchase cost for the month of July, 2022.

S. No.	Particulars	Units	July, 2022
1	Average power purchase cost approved by the Commission	Rs./kWh	4.38
2	Actual average power purchase cost	Rs./kWh	5.15
3	Change in average power purchase cost (=2 -1)	Rs./kWh	0.77
4	Net Power Purchase	MU	10,695.88
5	Change in fuel and power purchase cost (=3 x 4/10)	Rs. Crore	822.20

# 7. Adjustment for over recovery/under recovery (B)

7.1 The adjustment for over recovery/under recovery has to be done for the (n-4) month as



per provisions of MYT Regulations, 2019. FAC for the month of March, 2022 was levied in July, 2022 as per letter dated 5 April, 2022 considering uniform levy of FAC. Since any over recovery/under recovery for MSEDCL is spilt into Ag and Non-Ag and has to be adjusted towards levy of FAC for Ag and Non-Ag, the Commission has not considered any adjustment towards the same for July, 2022 as there is no FAC to be levied in July, 2022. The same will be considered while allowing levy of FAC in the month of August 22, cumulatively from June 2022 to August 2022 as per Guidelines dated 5 April, 2022.

# 8. Carrying Cost for over recovery/under recovery (C)

8.1 As explained in the above paragraph in absence of any levy for July, 2022 as per letter dated 5 April, 2022, the Commission will consider any over recovery/under recovery along with carrying cost while approving FAC for the month of August, 2022.

# 9. Disallowance due to excess Distribution Loss

9.1 Regulation 10.8 of MYT Regulations, 2019 provides for FAC amount to be reduced in case the actual distribution loss for the month exceeds the approved distribution loss. The relevant extract is reproduced as follows.

"10.8 The total  $Z_{FAC}$  recoverable as per the formula specified above shall be recovered from the actual sales in terms of "Rupees per kilowatt-hour":

Provided that, in case of unmetered consumers, the  $Z_{FAC}$  shall be recoverable based on estimated sales to such consumers, computed in accordance with such methodology as may be stipulated by the Commission:

Provided further that, where the actual annual sliding distribution losses of the Distribution Licensee exceed the level approved by the Commission, the amount of  $Z_{FAC}$  corresponding to the excess distribution losses (in kWh terms) shall be deducted from the total  $Z_{FAC}$  recoverable"

9.2 The following table provides the comparison of approved and actual distribution loss and disallowance due to excess distribution loss if any.

S. N	Particulars	Units	Approved in Tariff Order	Actual for July 2022	Actual – cumulative up to July 2022	Annual Sliding Distribution Loss – Aug 21 to July 22
1	Net Energy Input at Distribution Voltage	MU	1,27,414.02	9,333.32	47,937.08	135729.48
2	MSEDCL Metered Sales (excluding sales at EHV level)	MU	1,00,813.73	7,932.83	34,784.21	96975.88



S. N	Particulars	Units	Approved in Tariff Order	Actual for July 2022	Actual – cumulative up to July 2022	Annual Sliding Distribution Loss – Aug 21 to July 22
3	Estimated Consumption of unmetered Sales	MU	8,783.32	714.40	2,884.06	9153.95
4	Distribution Loss (1-2-3)	MU	17,816.97	686.09	10,268.81	29599.65
5	Distribution Loss as % of net energy input (4/1)	%	14%	7.35%	21.42%	21.81%
6	Excess Distribution Loss = [Actual Distribution Loss (5) - Distribution loss approved] x Net Energy Input (1)	MU	-	728.73	-	-
7	Disallowance of FAC due to excess Distribution Loss	Rs. Crore	-	58.44	-	-

- 9.3 As seen from the above table, the standalone distribution loss for the month of July, 2022 is lower at 7.35% as against approved loss of 14%. The standalone loss for July, 2022 is lower mainly due to estimated Ag sales and sales considered as per billing cycle whereas power purchase is considered for the standalone month.
- 9.4 The comparison of Distribution Loss for the April, 2022 to July 2022 as compared to last year is as given below:

Particulars	FY 2022-23	FY 2021-22	
Approved Loss	14%	16%	
April	30.33%	30.44%	
May	26.19%	27.15%	
June	16.83%	13.31%	
July	7.35%	16.05%	
Cumulative up-to July	21.42%	22.38%	

- 9.5 As Annual Sliding Distribution Loss of 21.81% is higher than the approved loss of 14%, the Commission has disallowed Rs 58.44 Crore towards the same.
- 10. Summary of Allowable ZFAC
- 10.1 The summary of the FAC amount as approved by the Commission for the month of July, 2022 is as shown in the Table below:



S. No.	Particulars	Units	July, 2022 -As submitted	July, 2022 - As Approved
1	Calculation of ZFAC			
1.1	Change in cost of generation and power purchase attributable to Sales within the License Area (F)		827.41	822.20
1.2	Carrying cost for over-recovery/under-recovery (C)	Rs. Crore	2.50	-
1.3	Adjustment factor for over-recovery/under-recovery (B)	Rs. Crore	337.12	-
1.4	ZFAC = F+C+B	Rs. Crore	1,167.03	822.20
2	Calculation of Per Unit FAC			
2.1	Energy Sales within the License Area	MU	10,300.95	10,251.87*
2.2	Excess Distribution Loss	MU	647.39	728.73
2.3	ZFAC per kWh	Rs./kWh	0.80	0.80
3	Allowable FAC			and the same and t
3.1	FAC disallowed corresponding to excess Distribution Loss [(2.2 x 2.3)/10]	Rs. Crore	52.00	58.44
3.2	FAC allowable [1.4-3.1]	Rs. Crore	1,054.09	763.75
4	Utilization of FAC Fund			
4.1	Opening Balance of FAC Fund	Rs. Crore	985.84	942.21
4.2	Carrying Cost/(Holding Cost) on FAC Fund	Rs. Crore	7.31	6.99
4.3	Z <sub>FAC</sub> for the month (Sr. N. 3.2)	Rs. Crore	1,115.03	763.75
4.4	Closing Balance of FAC Fund	Rs. Crore	2,108.18	1,712.95
4.5	Z <sub>FAC</sub> leviable/(refundable) to consumer	Rs. Crore	2,108.18	-
5	Total FAC based on category wise and slab wise allowed to be recovered in the billing month of September 2022	Rs. Crore	-	_

<sup>\*</sup>Ag Sales allowed as per norms approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order.

10.2 The standalone FAC for the month of July, 2022 is Rs 763.75 Crore which will added to the FAC Fund of Rs 942.21 Crore along with carrying cost. The approved amount is lower than claimed by MSEDCL in view of higher disallowance due to excess distribution loss after allowing Ag Sales as per norms approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order.

# 11. Recovery from Consumers:

11.1 Regulation 10.9 of MYT Regulations, 2019 provides for methodology of recovery of FAC charge from each category of consumers. The relevant extract is reproduced as below.

"10.9 The ZFAC per kWh for a particular Tariff category/sub-category/consumption slab shall be computed as per the following formula:—

 $Z_{FAC\ Cat}\ (Rs/kWh) = [Z_{FAC}/(Metered\ sales + Unmetered\ consumption\ estimates + Excess\ distribution\ losses)]*k*10,$ Where:

 $Z_{FAC\ Cat} = Z_{FAC}$  component for a particular Tariff category/sub-category/consumption slab in 'Rupees per kWh' terms;

k = Average Billing Rate / ACOS;

Average Billing Rate = Average Billing Rate for a particular Tariff category/sub-category/consumption slab under consideration in 'Rupees per kWh' as approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order:

Provided that the Average Billing Rate for the unmetered consumers shall be based on the estimated sales to such consumers, computed in accordance with such methodology as may be stipulated by the Commission:

ACOS = Average Cost of Supply in 'Rupees per kWh' as approved for recovery by the Commission in the Tariff Order:

Provided that the monthly  $Z_{FAC}$  shall not exceed 20% of the variable component of Tariff or such other ceiling as may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time:

Provided further that any under-recovery in the  $Z_{FAC}$  on account of such ceiling shall be carried forward and shall be recovered by the Distribution Licensee over such future period as may be directed by the Commission..."

- 11.2 The Commission allows the FAC amount of Rs. 763.75 Crore for the month of July, 2022 to be added to the FAC Fund.
- 11.3 The Commission in its approval for the month of June, 2022 has directed MSEDCL to carry forward the approved FAC amount of Rs. 942.21 Crore to be accumulated as FAC Fund to be carried forward to the next billing cycle with carrying cost. The opening balance of FAC fund along with carrying cost is Rs. 949.20 Crore.
- 11.4 Accordingly, considering the approved FAC amount of Rs. 763.75 Crore for the month of July, 2022 and same after being added to the FAC fund of Rs 949.20 Crore, the total balance amount to be recovered is Rs. 1712.95 Crore. The said amount of Rs 1712.95 Crore is being carried forward and will be accumulated up to the month of August, 2022 as per letter dated 5 April, 2022 issued by the Commission. While approving FAC for the month of August, 2022, the Commission will allow the recovery of cumulative amount equally over the next three-month period along with carrying cost.
- 11.5 In view of the above, the per unit  $Z_{FAC}$  for the month of July, 2022 to be levied on consumers of MSEDCL in the billing month of September 2022 is Nil.

