

# ELECTRICITY DUTY ACT

<p><b>Short title and commencement</b></p>	<p><b>Section 1(1)</b> - This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Act, 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(2)</b> It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.</p>
<p><b>Definitions</b></p> <p><b>Amendment of section 2 Act No.5 of 1939. Central Act No.36 of 2003</b></p> <p><b>Act 10 of 2021 dated:26-08-2021</b></p> <p><b>Act 10 of 1985</b></p> <p><b>Central Act 9 of 1910</b></p> <p><b>Central Act LIV of 1948</b></p>	<p><b>Section 2</b> - In this Act, Unless there is anything repugnant in the subject of context;</p> <p><b>(a)</b> "Energy" means electrical energy;</p> <p><b>(b)</b> 'Licensee' means</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>(i) a person who has been granted a license under section 14 of the Electricity Act,2003.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>(ii)</b> the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board constituted under Section 5 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1949,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>(iii)</b> the National Thermal Power Corporation or any other Corporation engaged in the business of supplying energy</p> <p><b>(c)</b> 'Prescribed' means prescribed by the rules made under this Act.</p>
<p><b>Levy of a duty on certain sales of electrical energy</b></p> <p><b>Amendment of section 3</b></p> <p><b>** Act 10 of 2021 dated: 26-08-2021</b></p> <p><b>*Act No.1 of 1994 (Act 5 of 1939)</b></p>	<p><b>Section 3 (1)</b> - Save as otherwise provided in Sub-Section (2) Every Licensee in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall pay every month to the State Government in the prescribed manner, <b>**"a duty calculated at the rate notified by the State Government from time to time for different consumer categories"</b> on and in respect of all sales of energy (except sales to the Central Government for consumption by that Government or to the Federal Railway Authority or a Railway Company operating a Federal Railway for consumption and in the construction, maintenance or operation of a Federal Railway) effected by the licensee during the previous month at a price of more than 12 Paise per unit (and on and in respect of all energy which was consumed by the licensee during the previous month for the purpose other than those connected with construction, maintenance and operation of his electrical undertaking and which, if sold to a private consumer under like conditions would have fetched a price of more than twelve paise per unit)</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>** for the words " a duty calculated at the rate of six paise per unit of energy", the words " a duty calculated at the rate notified by the State Government from time to time for different consumer categories" shall be substituted. ( Act 10 of 2021 dated: 26-08-2021)</b></p> <p>.....</p>

<p>.....</p> <p><b>Act 10 of 1985</b>  <b>Come into force</b>  <b>on 30<sup>th</sup> October,</b>  <b>1984</b></p>	<p>Provided that no duty under this sub-section shall be payable on and in respect of sale of energy effect,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(a)</b> by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board to any other licensee;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(b)</b> by the National Thermal Power Corporation to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>(2)</b> A Licensee shall be exempt from the duty under sub-section (1) in any months if in the previous month the total sales of energy effected by him at whatever price, together with the energy consumed by him for purposes other than those connected with the construction, maintenance and operation of his electrical undertaking did not exceed 16,666 units;</p> <p>Provided that if at the end of any financial year, it is found that in such a year the total sales of energy effected by the Licensee at what ever price together with the energy consumed by him for purposes other than those connected with the construction, maintenance and operation of his electrical undertaking, were not less than 200,000 units, the Licensee shall pay the duty in respect of any month or months comprised in such year in which the total of the sales and of the consumption as aforesaid did not exceed 16,666 units)</p> <p><b>(3)</b> Where a licensee holds more than one licensee, duty shall be calculated and levied under this section separately in respect of each Licensee.</p> <p><b>(4)</b> Where a licensee is liable to pay duty under this section sells energy to the Central Government for consumption by that Government or to the Federal Railway for consumption in the construction, maintenance or operation of a Federal Railway the price charged on such sales shall be less by the amount of the duty than the price charged to other consumers of a substantial quantity of energy, provided the price last mentioned is more than twelve paise per unit.</p> <p>In this sub-section, the expression 'price charged to other consumers' shall include the duty, if any, recoverable from the consumer under sub-section (1) of Section 7.</p> <p><b>Explanation:-</b> The expression 'Federal Railway' in this section shall have the meaning assigned to it in sub-section (2) of Section 311 of the Government of India Act, 1935.</p>
<p><b>Insertion of new section 3A, Act V of 1939 (L.A.Bill No.5 of 1995)</b></p> <p><b>Power to Exempt</b></p>	<p><b>Section 3'A'</b> – "Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, in public interest, by notification, setting out the grounds therefore, exempt, either permanently or for a specified period, a licensee from payment of the whole or part of the duty payable under section 3, subject to such terms and</p>

	conditions as may be specified in the said notification”
<p><b>Insertion of new Section 3B, Act V of 1939 (Act No.14 of 2003 come into force on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2003)</b></p> <p><b>Levy of duty on certain energy generated and consumed</b></p>	<p><b>Section 3B(1)</b> – Every person or a generating company who generates energy and uses for his own purpose shall pay every month to the State Government, a duty calculated at the rate of twenty five paise per unit of energy on and in respect of such energy consumed during the previous month:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provided that no duty shall be leviable in respect of the energy consumed in the auxiliaries of the generating plant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(2)</b> The State Government, may, by notification specify from time to time the minimum aggregate capacity of the generating plant from which the energy generated and used shall attract levy of duty under sub-section(1) thereof.</p> <p><b>Levy of Electricity Duty on the minimum aggregate capacity of the generating plant in Andhra Pradesh.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 B of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Act, 1939 (Act No.V of 1939) as amended by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2003 (Andhra Pradesh Ordinance 3 of 2003), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby levy duty with effect from the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 at the rate of 25 paise per unit on the <b>*Energy generated and used for own purpose</b> by the consumers who have captive generating sets of aggregate capacity of 1000 KVA and above. <b>(G.O.Ms.No.117, Energy (RES), 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2003)</b></p> <p>..... *for the words “<b>Power generated or consumed or sold</b>”, the words, “<b>Energy generated and used for own purpose</b>” shall be substituted. <b>(G.O.Ms.No.88,Energy (RES) Department, Dt. 15.07.2004)</b> .....</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(3)</b> The State Government, may, by notification exempt either permanently nor a specified period any person or a generating company from payment of the whole or part of the duty payable under sub-section(1) subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified in the said notification.</p>
<p><b>“Maintenance of books of accounts and submission of returns and installation of meters</b></p> <p><b>Act No. 14 of 2003 come into force on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2003</b></p>	<p><b>Section 4 (1)</b> Every person or generating company or a licensee liable to pay duty under section 3 or section 3B shall maintain the books of accounts in the prescribed form and shall submit the returns showing the units of energy generated and the Units of energy consumed in auxiliaries of a generating plant and the energy consumed for their own purposes, energy sold to the consumers and the amount payable in respect of such energy consumed or sold as the case may be, to such officer, in such form and at such time as may be prescribed.</p>

	<p><b>(2)</b> The energy generated or the energy consumed or sold shall be measured by the energy meters installed at such point and in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>
<b>Inspecting Officer</b>	<p><b>Section 5(1)</b> The State Government may, by notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, appoint Inspecting Officers to inspect the books of account required to be kept by Licensees under clause (a) of Section 4.</p> <p><b>(2)</b> Officers so appointed shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provision of this Act and Rules made thereunder.</p> <p><b>(3)</b> Every such Officer shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.</p>
<b>Recovery of Duty</b>	<p><b>Section 6</b> Any duty due under this Act which remains unpaid shall be recoverable as an arrear of Land revenue or by deduction from the amounts payable by the State Government to the Licensee.</p>
<b>Licensee to reimburse himself from consumer in certain cases</b>	<p><b>Section 7 (1)</b> Any Licensee may with the previous sanction of the State Government and subject to such conditions as they may impose, recover from any person on class of persons to who energy, is sold at a price of more than twelve paise per unit, the duty which falls to be paid by the licensee in respect of energy so sold or any part of it, as may be determined by the State Government.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Explanation:-</b> (Save as provided in sub-section(4) of Section 3, the duty) recoverable from any person under this sub-section shall not be deemed to be part of the price charged for the energy by the licensee.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>(2)</b> The Licensee may, for the purpose of sub-section (1) exercise the powers conferred on a Licensee by sub-section(1) of section 24 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, for the recovery of any charge of sum due in respect of energy supplied by him.</p>
<b>Penalties</b>	<p><b>Section 8</b> If any licensee</p> <p><b>(a)</b> fails to keep books of accounts or to submit returns as required by Section 4, or 4(b) intentionally obstructs an Inspecting Officer appointed under Section 5 in the performance of his duties or the exercise of his powers under this Act and Rules made there under, he shall be punished with a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.</p>

<p><b>Power to make rules</b></p>	<p><b>Section 9 (1)</b> The State Government may, by notification published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.</p> <p><b>(2)</b> In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for;</p> <p><b>(a)</b> the time and manner of payment of duty under Section 3.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> refunds to the Central Government the Federal Railway Authority and Railway Companies operating Federal Railways, when the price paid by them is found to exceed the limit specified in sub-section 4 of the Section 3.</p> <p><b>(c)</b> the form of the books of account required to kept under clause (a) of Section 4.</p> <p><b>(d)</b> the time at which, the forms, in which and the officers to whom, the returns required by clause(b) of Section 4 should be submitted.</p> <p><b>(e)</b> the duties and powers of Inspecting Officers appointed under Section 5; and</p> <p><b>(f)</b> any other matter for which there is no provision or insufficient provision in this Act and for which provision is, in the opinion of the State Government necessary for giving effect to the purposes of this Act.</p> <p><b>(3)</b> In making a rule under sub-section(1) or sub-section(2) the State Government may provide that a breach thereof shall be punishable with fine not exceeding fifty rupees.</p> <p><b>(4)</b> Every rule made under this Act shall, immediately after it is made, be laid before each House of the State Legislature if it is in session, and if it is not in session immediately following, for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions and if, before the expiration the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both House agree in making any modification in the rule or in the annulment of the rule , the rule shall, from the date on which the modification or annulment is notified in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette have effect only in such modified form shall stand annulled, as the case may be, so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of any thing previously done under that rule.</p>
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