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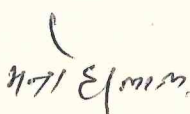
MESSAGE

The electricity sector in India has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past two decades, driven by progressive policy reforms, technological advancements, enhanced private participation, and an increasing emphasis on sustainability, consumer empowerment, and energy transition. The Electricity Act, 2003 has been the cornerstone of these reforms, providing a comprehensive legal framework for promoting competition, efficiency, transparency, and reliable electricity supply across the country.

Over the years, the Ministry of Power has notified a number of Rules under the Electricity Act, 2003 to facilitate effective implementation of the provisions of the Act and to address the evolving requirements of the power sector. These Rules have been amended from time to time to incorporate policy initiatives, strengthen regulatory mechanisms, improve ease of implementation, and align with the nation's evolving energy priorities.

I am glad to note that this updated Compendium of Rules framed under the Electricity Act, 2003 consolidates all the Rules notified by the Ministry of Power, together with amendments issued from time to time, into a single comprehensive reference document. The Compendium will serve as an authentic and convenient source of information for policymakers, utilities, regulators, generating companies, transmission and distribution licensees, system operators, developers, investors, academicians, legal professionals, researchers, and all other stakeholders associated with the Indian power sector.

I appreciate the efforts of the Central Electricity Authority for the efforts in compiling, reviewing, and updating this publication.


(Manohar Lal)

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MESSAGE

India's power sector is advancing rapidly through reforms, innovation and an unwavering commitment to reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity. In this dynamic environment, access to correct and updated legal information is essential for effective governance and implementation.

The revised compendium of Rules framed under the Electricity Act, 2003, consolidates the applicable Rules and subsequent amendments in a clear and accessible form. It will be a valuable reference for regulators, utilities, professionals, researchers and other stakeholders.

I appreciate the efforts devoted to this publication and trust that it will promote informed decision-making and compliance.

(Shripad Naik)

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The Electricity Act, 2003 has been instrumental in shaping the legal and institutional architecture of India's electricity sector. As the sector continues to evolve with new technologies, changing market structures and emerging operational requirements, a clear and accessible legal framework assumes increasing importance.

The Rules framed under the Act provide the necessary framework for giving effect to its various provisions. Their periodic amendment reflects the continuing efforts to strengthen the functioning of the electricity sector and respond to its changing requirements.

The present Compendium brings together the Rules framed under the Electricity Act, 2003, along with amendments notified up to 31st July, 2026. By placing these provisions in one consolidated publication, it seeks to facilitate their easy reference and understanding by all concerned.

I commend the Central Electricity Authority for undertaking this important exercise and appreciate the efforts of all those associated with its preparation. I am confident that this Compendium will serve as a useful reference for effective implementation of the statutory framework and support informed decision-making across the electricity sector.

(Pankaj Agarwal)

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MESSAGE

The Indian Power Sector is undergoing a historic transformation, driven by the nation's commitment to ensuring energy security, universal access to electricity, enhanced consumer services, and the transition towards a cleaner and more sustainable energy future. With India's ambitious targets for renewable energy capacity, energy storage, green hydrogen, transmission expansion, smart grids, and carbon reduction, the legal and regulatory framework governing the sector continues to evolve to address emerging challenges and opportunities.

The Electricity Act, 2003 has provided the foundation for introducing competition, improving efficiency, encouraging private participation, and strengthening consumer protection in the electricity sector. Over the years, the Ministry of Power has notified several Rules under the Act and amended them periodically to facilitate effective implementation of policy initiatives, promote ease of doing business, support integration of renewable energy, improve grid reliability, enhance power market reforms, and strengthen the overall governance framework of the sector.

This updated Compendium of Rules framed under the Electricity Act, 2003 brings together all the Rules notified by the Ministry of Power, incorporating amendments issued till 31st July 2026. The Compendium has been prepared with the objective of providing a single, authentic, and user-friendly reference document for policymakers, regulators, utilities, developers, investors, legal professionals, academicians, researchers, and other stakeholders associated with the Indian power sector.

I compliment the officers of CEA and Excellence Enhancement Centre (EEC) for Indian Power Sector, for undertaking the task of compiling, reviewing, and updating this publication.

(Ghanshyam Prasad)

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