

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
(LEGAL SECTION)

OFFICE ORDER NO. _____ OF _____ /PSEB/Legal Dated: 17.3.96 /1996

The Punjab State Electricity Board is pleased to fix the rates of Counsel fee payable to the Advocates borne on the approved panels for Supreme Court/High Courts and District/Tehsil Courts with effect from 15.12.1995 as under:-

SUPREME COURT

Sr.Counsel

- i) Fee for drafting petition/written reply: Rs 1500/-) including
ii) Fee for per hearing : Rs 5500/-) clerkage
iii) Fee for connected cases : Rs 500/- for per connected case.

Jr.Counsel

- i) Fee for drafting petition/written reply: Rs 1000/-) including
ii) Fee per hearing : Rs 2500/-) clerkage
iii) Fee for connected cases : Rs 300/- for per connected case.

HIGH COURT

Sr.Counsel

- i) Fee for drafting/written reply : Rs 1500/-) including
vetting draft etc.) clerkage
ii) Fee for appearance and arguments : Rs 3500/-)
iii) Fee for connected cases : Rs 300/- for per connected case.

Jr.Counsel

- i) Fee for drafting and written reply : Rs 500/-) including
ii) Fee for appearance and arguments : Rs 2000/-) clerkage
iii) Fee for connected cases : Rs 300/- for per connected case.

DISTRICT AND MUFOSIL COURTS

Sr.Counsel

- i) Fee for all suits(including all : Rs 1650/-) including
applications)) clerkage
ii) Fee for connected cases : Rs 150/- for per connected case.

Jr.Counsel

- i) Fee for all suits(including all : Rs 650/-) including
applications)) clerkage
ii) Fee for connected cases : Rs 150/- for per connected case.

MONEY SUITS

A lumpsum fee of Rs 2500/- in each case.

ARBITRATION CASES.

The advocate will be entitled to a fee as per the norms fixed above for different courts for which he has been empaneled.

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II. The officer who is authorised to defend/institute the case on behalf of the Board (in field as well as in Head office) is authorised to make payment of fee bills of the Advocates.

The fee bills will be paid in two stages i.e. half fee alongwith power of attorney/entrustment of the case to the advocate and remaining half on the conclusion of the case and on receipt of judgement/bill positively within a month. Misc. expenses would be payable as per actual, as and when, bill for the same is raised.

The payment of fee to the Advocate of High Court/ Supreme Court should be made through Bank draft, payable at Chandigarh/Delhi, as the case may be. The charges, if any, charged by the bank, should be deducted from the fee of the advocate.

III. The field offices should personally send the copy of the judgement of Lower courts alongwith opinion of the Board's counsel to Legal Section immediately after receiving the same from the Court for seeking opinion whether the appeal is to be filed or not, as some cases involve policy matters/ common questions of law and have great repercussions on the exequatur of the Board. Any dereliction for causing delay in sending the judgement/seeking legal opinion will be viewed seriously.

IV. The Sr.Counsel will be allowed to engage a Jr.Counsel of his choice in High Court & Supreme Court and Jr.Counsel will be paid fee as per above norms for Jr.Counsel.

V. After the decision in the case by Distt.Judge the matter will be referred to Legal Advisor for advice whether RSA is to be filed or not.

VI. As regards filing/defending cases in the High Court and Supreme Court the matter will be referred to the Legal Section for deciding and engaging suitable counsel from the panel or otherwise.

VII. As regards engaging counsel from outside the panel the matter may be referred for approval of Secy./AM through the Legal Advisor.

VIII. This office order supercedes all other orders in relation to fee of advocates and will be applicable from 15.12.95 onwards. As regards the cases allotted to the advocates prior to this, old fee structure will be applicable.

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IX. Quarterly statement will be put up to the Member/Fin. regarding engagement of advocates from outside the panel on Special fee for his information.

X. A monthly review of Court cases will be held by AM/Secy. Board for which the Field officers of the Rank of Xen and above will report to Legal Section by the first week of next month, regularly also giving the performance of the Advocates on the panel of the Board and the position about the payment/pendency of fee bills to the Advocates alongwith the amount.

XI. All the field officers of the rank of Xen and above would submit a monthly statement of pending bills alongwith the cause of its pendency to the L.A. for review by the A.M./Chairman.

This issues with the approval of Secy./AM/MFA/Chairman,PSEB.

Murari
Legal Advisor,^{19/3}
PSEB,Patiala.

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Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information & necy. action:-

1. All Engineers-in-Chief/Chief Engineers in PSEB.
2. CAO/Chief Auditor/Financial Advisor/CCF,PSEB.
3. I.G./VCS,PSEB,Patiala.
4. RAO/AO(EAD Section),PSEB,Patiala.
5. All SEs/Xens/COS/CPOs/POs in PSEB.
6. All Directors/Deputy Directors, in PSEB.
7. LAC/Director Industrial Relation,PSEB.
8. All Deputy Secretaries/Under Secretaries in PSEB.
9. Sr.Private Secretaries to Chairman/Members/Secretary,PSEB.

The Xens/Operation are requested to inform the Advocates on the panel of the PSEB for various Courts.

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