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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), proposes to notify the **draft Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026.** The proposed draft regulations are available on the CEA Website www.cea.nic.in for inviting public comments.

2. All the Stakeholders and the public are requested to send their comments on the draft regulations to Chief Engineer (Legal), Sewa Bhawan (North Wing), Room No. 622, 6th Floor, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 by post or through e-mail (celegal-cea@gov.in) latest by **26th March, 2026.**

(Rakesh Kumar)
Secretary, CEA

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NOTIFICATION

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F No.1/12/CEA/DPM/Regulations/2025 —Whereas the draft regulations proposing to amend the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006, was published in six newspaper dailies, as required by sub-section (3) of section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) read with sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005, for inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of thirty days, from the date on which the copies of the newspaper containing the said draft regulations was made available to the public;

And whereas copies of the said newspapers containing the said draft regulations was made available to the public on the website of the Central Electricity Authority on the 23rd February, 2026;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft regulations were considered by the Central Electricity Authority;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 177 read with sub-section (1) of section 55 of the Electricity Act, 2003(36 of 2003), the Central Electricity Authority hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006, namely: –

1. Short Title and Commencement. -(1) These regulations may be called the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026.

   (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 (herein after referred to as the said regulations), in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4, for clause (b) the following shall be substituted, namely:-

   "(b) All consumers in areas with communication network, shall be supplied electricity with Smart Meters conforming to relevant IS, within the timelines as provided by the Central Government:

   Provided that all consumer connections having current carrying capacity beyond that specified in relevant IS, shall be provided with meters having automatic remote meter reading facility or Smart Meters as per relevant IS:

   Provided further that in areas which do not covered with communication network, installation of prepayment meters, conforming to relevant IS, shall be allowed by the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

   Provided also that all the Advanced Metering Infrastructure shall include the prepayment functionality and shall be interoperable in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Authority:

   Provided also that the Smart Meter conforming to relevant Indian Standard with accuracy class of 1.0/0.5S shall act as an Interface meter for the consumer permitted open access at voltage level not exceeding 650 V.".

3. In regulation 7 of the said regulations, in sub-regulation (1), in clause (a), in Table-1 for Sl. No. 4 and the entries relating thereto, the following Sl. Nos. and entries relating thereto shall be substituted, namely: -

Sl. No.	Stages	Main Meter	Check Meter	Standby Meter
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
"4.	Consumer directly connected to the Inter-State Transmission System or Intra-State Transmission System or Distribution System who has been permitted open access at voltage level exceeding 650 V by the Appropriate Commission or any other system not covered above	At consumer premises		At consumer premises on separate Instrument Transformer or at Licensee's substation as mutually agreed.
5.	Consumer permitted open access at voltage level not exceeding 650 V	At consumer premises	At consumer premises	-----".

Rakesh Kumar, Secretary
Central Electricity Authority

Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4, *vide* notification No. 502/70/CEA/DP&D, dated the 22nd March, 2006 and last amended vide notification No. CEA-GO-13-15(12)/1/2022-DPR Division, dated the 28th February, 2022.