

# EASE OF DOING BUSINESS – GETTING ELECTRICITY

## BACKGROUND

World Bank "Ease of doing business" initiative ranks countries on the basis of ten parameters. 'Getting Electricity' is the one of these parameters. For 'Getting Electricity', World Bank measures the performance on 4 parameters: (i) Number of procedures; (ii) time for obtaining a commercial electricity connection; (iii) Cost for obtaining a commercial electricity connection upto 140 KVA; and, (iv) Reliability of power supply.

India has made several reform initiatives because of which India's ranking has improved from 99 IN THE REPORT 2015 to 29 IN THE REPORT 2018.

	Report 2015		Report 2018	
Overall rank	137		100	
Getting Electricity rank	99		29	
	Mumbai	Delhi	Mumbai	Delhi
Procedures (no)	7	7	5	5
Time (Days)	67	140	47	45
Cost (% of per capita income)	84	846	18.7	165.8
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariff index	-	-	7	7

These reforms include regulatory easing as well as administrative easing measures, which have resulted in decrease in the number of procedures, cost and time taken for obtaining Electricity connections

## REGULATORY REFORMS MADE BY CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY AND REGULATORS

- CEA regulations amended for allowing installation of transformers up-to 500 KVA on double pole structure.
- CEA notification to waive off electrical inspector approval for 11 KV installations carried out by DISCOMs and allowing self certification by DISCOMs engineers in such cases
- Changed Tariff Regulation in Delhi to allow LT connection up-to 150 KVA and rationalized LT Tariff for taking LT connection up-to 150 KVA. Mumbai has also allowed upto 140 KVA connections to be LT connections. This has resulted in reduction of number of procedures (External works of meter board conducted by customer's electrical contractor) and associated costs of Distribution infrastructure which add up to the cost of obtaining electricity connection by Commercial Consumers.
- Change in Supply code in Delhi to facilitate reduction in cost and time for new connection

