

ELECTRICITY ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020: WHAT'S IN IT FOR CONSUMERS?

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1600–1730 Hours
(Indian Standard Time)

The Indian power sector is at the cusp of major transformation. Staring at uncertain times ahead of Covid-19 necessitated lockdown, there is an attempt to introduce legislative reforms in order to address “critical issues weakening the commercial and investment activities in the electricity sector”. The timing as well as intent of these amendments has been put to question by many states who have issued statements against the proposed changes.

With multiple narratives taking shape around these proposed changes, there is a need to assess the amendments from the lens of consumers. While steps like tariff rationalisation, privatisation of distribution utilities and introduction of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for subsidy disbursement are in the pipeline, it is not just the commercial interests of the sector that will be affected but consumers' interest as well.

CUTS International is organising a webinar in order to dig deeper into the implications of the proposed reforms for different categories of consumers. The objective is to brainstorm and initiate a discourse on the public interest aspects of the draft Electricity Amendment Bill 2020.

Speakers and Moderator



Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu
Former Union Power Minister
Author of Electricity Act.



Bipul Chatterjee
Executive Director
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Geeta Gouri
Former Member, Competition
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Former Chairperson, Central
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The webinar will be organised through Zoom platform.
The meeting link will be sent to the registered participants.

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