**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.**
**OFFICE OF CE/COMMERCIAL, PATIALA**

To

All Engineer-in-Chief/ Chief Engineer (DS)

Under PSPCL

**Memo No.** 1046/51 /S-4/Jan Vishwas Dated: 07/10/2026

**Subject: Amended provisions of Electricity Act, 2003 introduced through The Jan Vishwas (amendment of Provision) Act, 2026.**

With reference to the subject cited above, it is intimated that the **Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026** was notified by the Government of India on **08.04.2026**. The said Act, inter alia, provides for decriminalisation of certain provisions of the **Electricity Act, 2003** and rationalisation of the penalty framework, with a view to promoting ease of doing business and strengthening trust-based governance. A copy of the Act is enclosed herewith.

Further, in accordance with **Section 1(2)** of the said Act, the Ministry of Power, Government of India, vide Gazette Notification dated **18.05.2026**, has notified **01.06.2026** as the date on which the amended provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 shall come into force. A copy of the said Gazette Notification is also enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, copies of the aforesaid Act and Gazette Notification are forwarded herewith for kind information and further necessary action, please.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

**DA/As above**

**Dy. CE/Sales-1,**
**For CE/Commercial,**
**PSPCL, Patiala.**

1052/75
07/10/26

**CC:-**

i. CE/Enforcement, PSPCL, Patiala for information please.
ii. Dy. CE/Tech to Director/D PSPCL, Patiala for information please.
iii. All Dy. CE/SE/DS, under PSPCL for information & necessary action please

रजिस्ट्री सं॰ डी॰ एल॰—(एन)04/0007/2003—26 REGISTERED NO. DL—(N)04/0007/2003—26

भारत का राजपत्र
The Gazette of India

सी.जी.-डी.एल.-अ.-08042026-271642
CG-DL-E-08042026-271642

असाधारण
EXTRAORDINARY
भाग II — खण्ड 1
PART II — Section 1
प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

सं॰ 13] नई दिल्ली, बुधवार, अप्रैल 08, 2026/चैत्र 18, 1948 (शक)
No. 13] NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2026/CHAITRA 18, 1948 (Saka)

इस भाग में भिन्न पृष्ठ संख्या दी जाती है जिससे कि यह अलग संकलन के रूप में रखा जा सके।
Separate paging is given to this Part in order that it may be filed as a separate compilation.

## MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
## (Legislative Department)

*New Delhi, the* 8*th April,* 2026*/Chaitra* 18, 1948 *(Saka)*

The Following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 7th April, 2026 and is hereby published for general information:—

# THE JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) ACT, 2026

NO. 8 OF 2026

[7*th April*, 2026.]

An Act to amend certain enactments for descriminalising and rationalising offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

**1**. (*1*) This Act may be called the *Jan Vishwas* (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

(*2*) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for amendments relating to different enactments mentioned in the Schedule.

Amendment of certain enactments.

**2**. The enactments mentioned in column (4) of the Schedule are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner mentioned in column (5) thereof.

Revision of fines and penalties.

**3**. The fines and penalties provided under various provisions in the enactments mentioned in the Schedule shall be increased by ten per cent. of the minimum amount of fine or penalty, as the case may be, prescribed therefor, after the expiry of every three years from the date of commencement of this Act:

Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this section, if any enactment mentioned in the Schedule provides the manner of revision of fines and penalties therein, only the said provision shall be applicable for increase of fines and penalties for provisions of such enactment.

Savings.

**4**. The amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment shall not affect any other enactment in which the amended or repealed enactment has been applied, incorporated or referred to;

and this Act shall not affect the validity, invalidity, effect or consequences of anything already done or suffered, or any right, title, obligation or liability already acquired, accrued or incurred or any remedy or proceeding in respect thereof, or any release or discharge of, or from any debt, penalty, obligation, liability, claim or demand, or any indemnity already granted, or the proof of any past act or thing;

nor shall this Act affect any principle or rule of law, or established jurisdiction, form or course of pleading, practice or procedure, or existing usage, custom, privilege, restriction, exemption, office or appointment, despite the fact that the same respectively may have been in any manner affirmed, or recognised or derived by, in or from any enactment hereby amended or repealed;

nor shall the amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment revive or restore any jurisdiction, office, custom, liability, right, title, privilege, restriction, exemption, usage, practice, procedure or other matter or thing not now existing or in force.

Power to remove difficulties.

**5**. (*1*) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of different enactments mentioned in the Schedule as amended by this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the enactments as amended by this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(*2*) Every order made under sub-section (*1*) shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before each House of Parliament.

| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | (*b*) contravenes the provisions of the rules made under this Act [except rules made under clause (*pa*) of sub-section (*2*) of section 35];<br>(*c*) contravenes the terms and conditions of the operating right granted to him; or<br>(*d*) fails to furnish the required data, or information, or document under sub-section (*2*) of section 5 in the manner provided therein,<br>shall be liable to penalty which shall not be less than ten lakh rupees but which may extend to one crore rupees.<br>(*2*) Where any person continues contravention under sub-section (*1*), even after direction of adjudicating officer appointed under sub-section (*3*) regarding such contravention, he shall be liable to additional penalty of one lakh rupees for every day during which such contravention continues.<br>(*3*) For the purpose of adjudication of penalties under sub-section (*1*), the Central Government shall appoint an officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India to be the adjudicating officer, for holding an inquiry and imposing the penalty in the manner as may be prescribed:<br>Provided that the Central Government may appoint as many adjudicating officers as may be required:<br>Provided further that no such penalty shall be imposed without giving the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard.".<br>(*C*) In section 34,—<br>(*i*) in sub-section (*1*), for the words "the Central Government", the words "an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, appointed by the Central Government as an appellate authority" shall be substituted;<br>(*ii*) in sub-sections (*2*) and (*3*), for the words "Central Government" occurring at both the places, the words "appellate authority" shall be substituted.<br>(*D*) In section 35, in sub-section (*2*),—<br>(*i*) for clause (*m*), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—<br>"(*m*) the manner of holding an inquiry and imposing penalty under sub-section (*3*) of section 28;";<br>(*ii*) clauses (*n*) and (*o*) shall be omitted. |
| 58. | 2003 | 36 | The Electricity Act, 2003 | (*A*) For section 139, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—<br>"139. Negligently breaking or damaging works.—(*1*) Whoever, negligently breaks, injures, throws down or damages any material connected with the supply of electricity, shall be liable to penalty not less than five thousand rupees but which may extend to one lakh rupees, to be imposed by an officer duly authorised by the Appropriate Government. |

| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | (*2*) Where a person imposed penalty under sub-section (*1*) is again found guilty under that sub-section, such person shall, for the second or subsequent offence, be punished with fine not less than five thousand rupees but which may extend to one lakh rupees.”.<br><br>(*B*) In section 140, for the words “which may extend to ten thousand rupees”, the words “which shall not be less than five thousand rupees but may extend to one lakh rupees” shall be substituted.<br><br>(*C*) Section 141 shall be omitted.<br><br>(*D*) In section 142,—<br><br>(*i*) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—<br><br>“Penalty by Appropriate Commission for non-compliance of order or direction.”;<br><br>(*ii*) for the words “or any direction issued by the Commission”, the words “or any order or direction issued under the Act” shall be substituted;<br><br>(*iii*) for the words “which shall not exceed one lakh rupees”, the words “shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but may extend to five lakh rupees” shall be substituted;<br><br>(*iv*) for the words “may extend to six thousand rupees”, the words “shall not be less than one thousand rupees but may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.<br><br>(*E*) In section 146,—<br><br>(*i*) for the words “imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees, or with both”, the words “fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to ten lakh rupees” shall be substituted;<br><br>(*ii*) for the words “which may extend to five thousand rupees”, the words “which shall not be less than one thousand rupees but which may extend to fifty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.<br><br>(*F*) In section 152,—<br><br>(*a*) for sub-section (*1*), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—<br><br>“(*1*) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023), the Appropriate Government or any officer authorised by it in this behalf shall accept from any consumer or person who committed or who is reasonably suspected of having committed an offence under sections 135, 138 and 140 of this Act, a sum of money by way of compounding of the offence as specified in the Table below: |

<table>
<tr><th>(1)</th><th>(2)</th><th>(3)</th><th>(4)</th><th>(5)</th></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Table
<table>
<tr><th>Sl. No</th><th>Section</th><th>Rate at which the sum of money for compounding to be collected</th></tr>
<tr><td>(1)</td><td>(2)</td><td>(3)</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.</td><td>135. Theft of Electricity</td><td>Per Kilowatt (KW)/Horse Power (HP) or part thereof for Low Tension (LT) supply and per Kilo Volt Ampere (KVA) of contracted demand for High Tension (HT)</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(i) Industrial Service</td><td>Twenty thousand rupees</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(ii) Commercial Service</td><td>Ten thousand rupees</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(iii) Agricultural Service</td><td>Two thousand rupees</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(iv) Other Services</td><td>Four thousand rupees</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.</td><td>138. Interference with meters or works of licensee</td><td>Ten thousand rupees</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.</td><td>140. Penalty for intentionally injuring works</td><td>Ten thousand rupees:</td></tr>
</table>
Provided that the Appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend the rates specified in the Table above.";<br><br>(b) in sub-section (3) for the words and figures "section 300 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974)", the words and figures "section 278 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023)" shall be substituted.</td></tr>
<tr><td>59.</td><td>2005</td><td>29</td><td>The Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005</td><td>(A) Section 12 shall be omitted.<br><br>(B) In section 20, sub-section (2) shall be omitted.</td></tr>
</table>

रजिस्ट्री सं. डी.एल.- 33004/99 REGD. No. D. L.-33004/99

भारत का राजपत्र
The Gazette of India

सी.जी.-डी.एल.-अ.-18052026-272680
CG-DL-E-18052026-272680

असाधारण
EXTRAORDINARY

भाग II—खण्ड 3—उप-खण्ड (ii)
PART II—Section 3—Sub-section (ii)

प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

सं. 2460] नई दिल्ली, सोमवार, मई 18, 2026/वैशाख 28, 1948
No. 2460] NEW DELHI, MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026/VAISAKHA 28, 1948

## विद्युत मंत्रालय

## अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 18 मई, 2026

**का.आ. 2552(अ).**—केन्द्रीय सरकार, जन विश्वास (उपबंधों का संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2026 (2026 का 8) की धारा 1 की उपधारा (2) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, तारीख 01 जून, 2026 को उस तारीख के रूप में नियत करती है जिसको विद्युत अधिनियम, 2003 (2003 का 36) से संबंधित उक्त अधिनियम के उपबंध, जहाँ तक उनका संबंध उक्त अधिनियम की अनुसूची के क्रम संख्या 58 और उससे संबंधित प्रविष्टियों से हैं, प्रवृत्त होंगे।

[फ़ा. सं. 40/3/2025-आरएंडआर]

पीयूष सिंह, अपर सचिव

**MINISTRY OF POWER**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 18th May, 2026

**S.O. 2552(E).—** In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 (8 of 2026), the Central Government hereby appoints the 1st June, 2026 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act, in so far as it relates to serial number 58 and the entries relating thereto in the Schedule to the said Act, relating to the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) shall come into force.

[F. No. 40/3/2025-R&R]

PIYUSH SINGH, Addl. Secy.

Uploaded by Dte. of Printing at Government of India Press, Ring Road, Mayapuri, New Delhi-110064
and Published by the Controller of Publications, Delhi-110054.