

The Electricity Act, 2003

Section 53 - Provision relating to safety and electricity supply

The Authority may, in consultation with the State Government, specify suitable measures for--

- (a) protecting the public (including the persons engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution or trading) from dangers arising from the generation, transmission or distribution or trading of electricity, or use of electricity supplied or installation, maintenance or use of any electric line or electrical plant;
- (b) eliminating or reducing the risks of personal injury to any person, or damage to property of any person or interference with use of such property;
- (c) prohibiting the supply or transmission of electricity except by means of a system which conforms to the specifications as may be specified;
- (d) giving notice in the specified form to the Appropriate Commission and the Electrical Inspector, of accidents and failures of supplies or transmissions of electricity;
- (e) keeping by a generating company or licensee the maps, plans and sections relating to supply or transmission of electricity;
- (f) inspection of maps, plans and sections by any person authorised by it or by Electrical Inspector or by any person on payment of specified fee;
- (g) specifying action to be taken in relation to any electric line or electrical plant, or any electrical appliance under the control of a consumer for the purpose of eliminating or reducing the risk of personal injury or damage to property or interference with its use.

STATE AMENDMENT

Karnataka

Insertion of sections 53A.--In the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) (herein after referred to as Principal Act), after section 53, the following shall be inserted, namely:--

53-A. Powers of State Government relating to Safety and Electricity supply.--Where Central Government or the Authority has made no provision relating to following Safety measures and electricity supply the State Government may by rules provide for,--

- (a) terms and Conditions and manner of Inspection by the Chief Electrical Inspector and Electrical Inspectors;
- (b) manner of Issue of Licence to electrical contractors, Permits to Supervisors and wiremen and competency certificates;
- (c) manner of Scrutiny and approval of Electrical Installation drawings,
- (d) levy of fee for the Inspection or other services rendered by the Chief Electrical Inspector or the Electrical Inspectors; and
- (e) the rate and manner of collection of fee. If not remitted within the stipulated time, to recover the same as an arrears of Land revenue.

[Vide Karnataka Act 39 of 2014, s. 2]