

# **KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD**

## **ABSTRACT**

E-payment services through Akshaya e- Kendras – permission to Akshaya centres to collect electricity bills and ACD through FRIENDS -Sanctioned -Orders issued.

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### **CORPORATE OFFICE (IT-CU)**

B.O (FM) No. 2377/2012 (IT/ CU/ Akshaya /2012-13) Thiruvananthapuram, dated, 10 / 12 / 2012

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- Read:
1. B O (FM) No. 883/05 (MIS/CU/FRIENDS/2004-2005) dtd. 18.03.2005.
  2. Circular No. MIS/CU/Akshaya/e-pay/2007-2008 dtd. 11.02.2008 of the Secretary, KSE Board.
  3. Letter No.521/2012/AKS/627 dtd. 04.11.2012 of the Director, Akshaya State Project Office addressed to the Chairman, KSEB.
  4. This office note dated 07/11/2012 to the Financial Advisor, KSEB.
  5. Letter No. Fin.VII/BR/Friends/2012-13/932 dtd. 14.11.2012 of the Financial Advisor.
  6. Note No. IT/ CU/ Akshaya /2012-13dated 17.11.2012 of Chief Engineer (Projects) & Safety Commissioner

### **ORDER**

The Chief Engineer (Projects) & Safety Commissioner in his note read above has reported that Government of Kerala has implemented 'Akshaya e-kendras' under Kerala State IT Mission for collecting bills of KSEB, BSNL, Kerala Water authority etc. in all districts. Inter banking facility of State Bank of India is used for transferring funds. Project Manager of FRIENDS is in charge of transferring the scroll and funds collected through these Akshaya e-kendras to the participating departments. Board vide order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above has accorded sanction to remit electricity charges at Akshaya kendras in Malappuram District. Later this was rolled out to the remaining districts. For segregating the remittance and collection of electricity charges through Akshaya e-kendras, Board has opened separate non operative revenue collection accounts in various Electrical Divisions. The details of bills remitted at Akshaya e-kendras were consolidated on district level at FRIENDS Janasevana Kendram under Kerala State IT Mission and the hard copy of the scroll are given to the concerned KSEB Section offices by Kudumbasree units.

Kerala State Information Technology Mission had implemented a new software FREES developed by NIC, in all FRIENDS, which uses a single collection module to support all transactions and services. Now vide letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above, KSITM has informed that, Government has decided to rollout FREES software to more than 2000 Akshaya Centres through out the state, so that the services available through FRIENDS will be available through these Akshaya Centers also.

In view of the above, the Chief Engineer (Projects) & Safety Commissioner has recommended that, project manager FRIENDS should ensure that the details of bills/Additional Cash Deposit remitted at FRIENDS/Akshaya e-kendras are consolidated and send to the concerned Electrical Divisions and Sections in the prescribed format. Project manager should also ensure that the collection of each day is transferred to the respective non-operative collection account of Electrical Division on the same day itself. An agreement on the above may be executed with the FRIENDS before giving concurrence for rolling out the proposal of FRIENDS.

2. Having considered the recommendation of the Chief Engineer (Projects) & Safety Commissioner, Board hereby accords sanction for the following

1. to permit Akshaya centers to collect electricity bills and ACD (Additional Cash Deposit) through FRIENDS subjected to the condition that the details of the payment received shall be made available to the concerned Electrical Divisions and Sections in the prescribed format and the amount collected is transferred to the respective non-operative collection account of Electrical Division on the same day itself.
2. to execute an agreement on the above with the FRIENDS before giving permission to collect electricity bills through Akshaya.

By Order of the Board,

**Sd/-**

**N. Madhusoodanan Asari**  
**SECRETARY**

To

The Chief Engineer (Projects) and Safety Commissioner, Vyduthi Bhavanam,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

Copy to:-

The Chief Engineer, Distribution- South / Central / North

All Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles

All Executive Engineers of Electrical Divisions

The FA/ CIA, K S E Board.

The TA to Chairman / Member - Distribution) / T & GO.

The PA to the Member (Finance) / Secretary, K S E Board.

The FC Superintendent/ Records/Stock file and Library / AB Section.

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**Assistant Engineer.**