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The Deputy Chief Engineer (Comm. & Plg.) with full powers of Chief Engineer

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Terms and conditions of One Time Settlement Special Scheme

1. Eligibility

Consumers with arrears for more than two years will be eligible to apply for One-time-settlement scheme. The scheme will also be opened to those cases which RR action has been initiated and those pending before courts. However the cases once settled under previous OTS and theft cases booked under section 135 of Electricity Act 2003 will not be considered.

2. Period of the scheme:

The scheme shall be open from 01.06.2018 to 30.09.2018.

3. Time schedule of the scheme

15.06.2018 -	Intimating consumer about the scheme.
01.07.2018 -	Commencement of issue demand notice
31.08.2018 -	Last date of accepting application form
30.09.2018 -	Last date to issue of demand notice and remittance of first installment by the consumer

4. The Scheme:

The Consumer will be eligible to get reduced interest rates mentioned below. The Interest can be remitted in six months time in equal installments. However, the Principal portion of the arrear shall be remitted in lump sum along with first installment of interest.

5. Reduction in Interests :

A reduced interest of 8% instead of penal 18% interest will be applicable for arrear aged between 2 to 5 years. For arrears beyond 5 years a reduction to 6% will be given. No further interest will be levied for payment of interest portion in installment upto six months.

6. Full settlement option:

Consumer may also remit the entire principal amount and total reduced interest in one lump sum. In such cases a rebate of 2% of interest amount (total reduced interest amount) would be granted.

6. Installment for principal amount:

In certain deserving cases, (Government departments, Public taking undertakings, Government institutions, local bodies, other deserving consumers with long pending arrears) installment will be provided after the approval of Full time Directors of KSEBL. Six months installments shall be provided for the remittance of the principal. Such installments will bear an interest rate of 12% for six months.

7. Dismantled connections :

The MD charges /fixed charges demanded will be limited to six months after disconnection. No charges will be levied after the date of dismantling except for minimum guarantee/rental liability cases. Fresh application for new connection will have to be furnished for reconnection of services in dismantled cases.

8. Industrial units/Plantations with different spells of closure (intermittent period of closure):

The MD charges /fixed charges will be limited to six months from the date of disconnection in each spell of closure.

9. Revenue Recovery action cases:

The collection charges demanded by the revenue department will have to be remitted additionally when RR action is initiated by KSEBL.

10. Arrears under litigation :

The applications from LT consumers for settling arrears under litigation will be received by Senior Superintendant in the concerned section office. Arrears under litigation will be settled under OTS only after withdrawal of cases in courts. However, a District Level Committees (DLC) formed for this purpose will examine the matter on a case to case basis and settle the cases. Such cases (where the party is not agreeing for withdrawal of cases before courts for settlement under OTS) shall be consolidated by Deputy Chief Engineers (District Headquarters) and placed before DLC. The committee shall interact with the consumers and propose settlement formula. In genuine cases, the committee may review the principal amount with reasons clearly specified in the report. There will not be any financial limit to settle the cases. The decision of the Committee, if accepted by the party, will be implemented subsequent to the respective court allowing withdrawal of cases. Cases which cannot be settled by the District Level Committee shall be taken up with the Director (D&IT).

The District Committee shall comprise of the following members:

1. Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle in District Head quarters (Convener)
2. Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical circle
3. Executive Engineers of Distribution Divisions
4. Assistant Executive Engineers of Electrical Subdivisions
5. Special Officer (Revenue) or his representative
6. Representative of Legal Advisor & Disciplinary Enquiry Officer

Applications for settlement of Arrears with litigation from HT consumers will be received at the office of SOR. The applications shall be processed by SOR and placed before the State Level Expert Committee. The State Level Expert Committee constituted as given below shall examine carefully the issues in such cases, shall interact with consumer and shall propose a settlement to Full Time Directors for decision. The State Committee also may recommend review the principal amount in genuine cases, the reasons shall be stated clearly in the Report.

The State Level Expert Committee shall comprise of the following members:

1. Deputy Chief Engineer (Com. & Plg.) with full powers of CE (Chairman)
2. Special Officer (Revenue) (Convener)
3. Joint Secretary (Law)
4. Accounts Officer, Arrear Clearance Cell
5. T.A to Director (Dist & IT)

However, the theft cases will not be considered under OTS. Assessments for unauthorized loads shall also be settled taking a reasonable view, in case the applicants are willing to withdraw the cases pending.

11. Receipt and processing of Application for settlement :

Application from LT consumers will be accepted in respective Electrical Section Office and forwarded to Deputy Chief Engineers of electrical circle for settlement. Deputy Chief Engineers of all Electrical Circles will be authorized to settle arrears of LT consumers without limit.

However request for installment on principal amount shall be taken up with FTD through Director (D&IT). **Applications from HT & EHT consumers** will be accepted by SOR. The cases will be put up before FTD with the recommendation of expert committee for settlement.

12. Publicity :

The Public Relations Officer and Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles shall give wide publicity about the scheme in local news papers, cable TV, FM radios periodically till end of the scheme. The Senior Superintendent at Electrical Section Office and Special Officer (Revenue) at Corporate Level will be responsible for informing consumers with arrear about the scheme. Intimation shall be given to all such consumers clearly indicating the savings the consumer would get by opting the scheme. The Accounts Officer (Arrear Clearance Cell), O/o CIA shall intimate the details of the scheme directly to heads of all Government departments, PSUs, Government institutions and local bodies.

13. Statement of Settlements and report: A consolidated report with statement of settlements containing the details of cases considered and settled shall be sent to the Accounts officer, Arrear clearance cell, Office of CIA, Thiruvananthapuram within a week from end of OTS period by DCEs and SOR. The formats for report & statement shall be prepared by AO. A final statement of the Scheme shall be prepared by AO for onward submission to the Board and then to Commission by TRAC.
