



## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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### ABSTRACT

One Time Settlement Scheme (OTS-2023)–Corrective measures on the scheme-Sanction obtained from KSERC – implementation - Sanctioned – orders issued

### **CORPORATE OFFICE (Commercial & Tariff)**

Office Order (CMD )No. 10/2024(TRAC-AEE6/2022/22-23/166) dated, Thiruvananthapuram 03.01.2024

- Read:
1. KSERC Order dated 19.07.2023 in OP No. 35/2023.
  2. Office Order (DF) No. 1030/2023(TRAC/GL/OTS-2023/22-23) dated 20.07.2023.
  3. BO(FTD)No.429/2023(TRAC-AEE6/2022/166) dated 26.09.2023.
  4. Minutes of the Meeting conducted by CMD on 24.11.2023.
  5. Additional Submission on Petition No. 35/2023 filed by KSEBL on 04.12.2023.
  6. Lr No. TRAC/GL/OTS-2023/23-24/731 dated 22.12.2023 of the Chief Engineer (C&T) addressed to the Secretary, KSERC.
  7. Lr No. 1466/Con(T)/2023/KSERC dated 27.12.2023 of the Secretary, KSERC.
  8. Note No TRAC-AEE6/2022/22-23/166 dated 30.12.2023 of the Chief Engineer (C&T)

As per the KSERC order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above and the office order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above, One Time Settlement Scheme (OTS-2023) had been implemented in KSEBL from 20.07.2023 onwards. As per the above scheme, the consumers with arrears for more than two years are eligible for having relaxation in interest rates for favour of settlement. However, theft cases booked under section 135 of Electricity Act 2003 and demand issued invoking section 127(6) of the Electricity Act 2003 will not be considered in this scheme.

In order to have an effective implementation of the scheme, KSEBL had taken up certain modification in the existing scheme with the KSERC. The Commission on considering the proposal of KSEBL had approved certain modifications as per the letter read as 7<sup>th</sup> paper above. The Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) as per the note read as 8<sup>th</sup> paper above had suggested for implementing the modification approved by the Hon'ble Commission in KSEBL. Having considered the note read above, sanction is hereby accorded to incorporate the following modifications approved by the Hon'ble Commission;

1. The bills issued under section 126 and 127 of Electricity Act, 2003 (excluding theft cases booked under section 135 of the Act) can be settled under OTS-2023 scheme. If the bills issued under the above sections are disputed at any legal forums then the consumer may withdraw the case before settling it under OTS-2023 scheme. However, no relaxation shall be given for the assessed amount under section 126(6)/appeal finalized assessed amount, except installment facilities for remitting the assessed amount in deserving cases.

2. The reduction in Maximum Demand allowed as per OTS -2023 scheme for demand based industrial consumers during period of closure can be extended to all demand based consumers irrespective of the tariff category and may settle the amount after relaxation through the OTS-2023 scheme. The criteria for assessing the closure period will be as mentioned in the Board Order dated 26.09.2023.
3. The arrears pending at various legal forums are allowed to be settled based on the copy of the affidavit submitted by the consumer at Court for withdrawal of case or based on the joint submission given at Court by KSEBL and the consumer for withdrawal of case. In such cases the consumer can remit the OTS amount subject to the condition that the benefit of the OTS will be confirmed only after producing the Court order sanctioning withdrawal of case within 6 months from the date of filling application for withdrawal of case.
4. The Hon'ble Commission had denied the request of KSEBL for extending the scheme upto 31.03.2024. However, Government departments and other Government agencies/institutions whose money transaction is through Government treasuries and there is restriction in withdrawal of money through treasuries are allowed a period upto 31.03.2024 for settling arrears through OTS. The above facility is not extended to PSUs and Government agencies/institutions having own source of income and managing bank account for their operations.
5. In other deserving cases and cases involving section 126 and 127 of EA 2003, KSEBL Management/ its entrusted officers can extend time period beyond 31.12.2023 for small periods (but within 31.03.2024) for settling the arrears on a case to case basis after detailed appraisal of each case based on merits. The Deputy Chief Engineer of the concerned circle office is entrusted to sanction all LT deserving cases on a case to case basis based on merits and the Full Time Directors is entrusted to settle all HT deserving cases based on merits.

Orders are issued accordingly,

By Order of the Chairman & Managing Director

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SABITHA S  
Secretary (Administration)

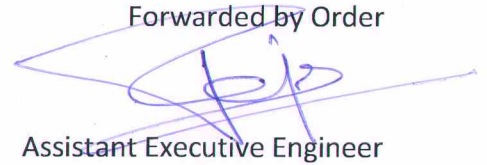
To

The Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff)  
The Chief Engineer (IT)  
The TA to Director (Distribution, IT & SCM)  
The Public Relation Officer, KSEBL.  
All Chief Engineers, Distribution.  
The Special Officer (Revenue)  
The Accounts Officer, Arrear Clearance Cell

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Assistant Executive Engineer