



# Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

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## ABSTRACT

Cable drawal along electric poles of KSEBL by Cable TV Operators/ Others- pole rental arrears -proposal for settling of long pending cases- orders issued.

## CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

B.O.(FTD)No. 192/2021(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0001)Dated, Tvpm dated 26.02.2021

### **Read**

1. B.O.(FB)No.1421/2002(CP/ R& P/Plg.V/Cable TV/2002) dated 18.10.2002
2. B.O.(FTD)No.2251/2017(D(D&IT)/D5/Asianet-2/2011) dated 31.08.2017
3. B.O.(FTD)No.34/2019(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-poles/2018-19) dated 16.01.2019
4. B.O.(DB)No.183/2019(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2018-19/0001 dated 01.03.2019
5. B.O.(FTD)No.797/2019(TRAC/GL/OTS-2019/19-20) dated 31.10.2019
6. Office Order (DF)No.2002/2019(TRAC/GL/OTS-2019/19-20) dated 13.11.2019
7. B.O.(FTD)No.352/2020(D(D&IT)/D-4/General Adalath 2020/2019-20) dated 26.05.2020
8. B.O.(FTD)No.680/2020(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0009)dated 09.11.2020
9. Letter No.GB/TS/Pole Rent/2020-21/2499 dated 18.01.2021 of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kozhikode to the Director(Distribution, IT & HRM)
10. Letter No.AB4/EDH/Cable TV/1011 dated 14.01.2021 of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Harippad to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Harippad with copy to the Chief Engineer, Distribution(Central)
11. Letter No. CE(DC)/AEE2/CABLE TV/20-21/2929 dated 15.01.2021 of the Chief Engineer, Distribution(Central) to the Director(Distribution, IT & HRM)
12. Letter No. CE(DC)/AB1/Cable TV/2020-21/3107 dated 29.01.2021 of the Chief Engineer, Distribution(Central) to the Director(Distribution, IT & HRM)
13. BO (DB) No.31/2020 (VIG/B2/5045/2019)/120 Tvpm, Dated: 16.01.2021
14. Note No. D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0001 dated 19.02.2021 of the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda Item No.83/02/21)

## ORDER

The office of the Director (Distribution) has been taking steps for regularization of unauthorized cable drawal along the electric poles of KSEBL and for settling of long pending pole rental arrears by granting One Time Settlement (OTS) facility and by conducting Adalaths. As per B.O. read as 4<sup>th</sup> above, OTS facility was granted for settling the pole rental arrears for more than 2 years, as on 31.03.2019. As per Office Order read as 6<sup>th</sup> above, sanction has been accorded to include Cable TV Operators with pole rental arrears for more than two years also under the One Time Settlement Scheme with similar terms and conditions of OTS-2019 Scheme sanctioned as per B.O. read as 5<sup>th</sup> above. Again, during

the Janakeeya Adalath conducted during January/February, 2020, reduction of interests and installments (maximum 12 installments for the principal amount) were allowed to settle pole rental arrears of Cable TV Operators as per OTS-2019 Scheme. For regularizing unauthorized cable drawal during the period from 09/2015, directions were issued as per B.O read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above. Again as per B.O. read as 8<sup>th</sup> above, the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles were authorized to regularize the unauthorized drawal of cables along the electric poles of KSEBL .

The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kozhikode had conducted meeting of all the Cable TV Operators at Sub Division Level under the Circle and the operators raised some concerns including the accumulation of huge amount due to financial constraints, change in ownership due to the stoppage of previous operators, difficulties arised due to mandatory approval from the Electrical Inspectorate etc.

As the issue of non- realization of pole rent from Cable TV Operators remains unresolved for long time, even after many efforts, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kozhikode has suggested some methodology for consideration:

The Chief Engineer, Distribution(Central) as per letter read as 11<sup>th</sup> above has reported that the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Harippad has taken positive steps to clear the old pole rent arrears. About 80% of the Operators responded, but they are unwilling to pay the dues as they have objection in the way of preparation of the demand. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Harippad has also suggested some solutions to reduce the demand amicable to the Operators.

Considering the two recommendations, the matter is placed before the Full Time Directors for authorising the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles to constitute Circle level Committees for settling the long pending cases of pole rental arrears of Cable TV Operators/ Others under Electrical Divisions on account of cable drawal along electric poles of KSEBL, with the Deputy Chief Engineer of the respective Circle as Chairperson and the following Committee members.

Executive Engineers of respective Electrical Divisions – Members

Divisional Accountants of the respective Electrical Divisions- Members

An Officer from the respective Regional Audit Office

Other members as proposed by the Deputy Chief Engineer

The Committee may analyse the matter on case to case basis for clearing the pole rental arrears in line with the recent Adalath and OTS guidelines, conducting personal hearings wherever required. All the pending cases may be settled at Circle level on or

before 31.03.2021. Cases calling for policy decisions may be taken up with the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM).

Having examined the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 25.02.2021, resolved to authorise the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles to constitute Circle level Committees for settling the long pending cases of pole rental arrears of Cable TV Operators/others under Electrical Divisions on account of cable drawal along electric poles of KSEBL, with with the Deputy Chief Engineer of the respective Circle as Chairperson and the following Committee members.

1. Executive Engineers of respective Electrical Divisions – Members
2. Divisional Accountants of the respective Electrical Divisions- Members
3. An Officer from the respective Regional Audit Office.
4. Other members as proposed by the Deputy Chief Engineer.

Further resolved that the Committee may analyse the matter on case to case basis for clearing the pole rental arrears in line with the recent Adalath and OTS guidelines, conducting personal hearings wherever required. All the pending cases may be settled at Circle level on or before 31.03.2021. Cases calling for policy decisions may be taken up with the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM).

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/-

**Lekha G.**

**Company Secretary In Charge**

**To**

The Chief Engineer, Distribution (South/ Central/ North/ North Malabar)/ The Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs)

All Deputy Chief Engineers, Electrical Circles under South/Central/North/North Malabar

The Chief Public Relations Officer(CPRO), KSEBL

The Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), KSEBL

**Copy to:**

The TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ The TA to Director (Distribution, IT & HRM/Transmission-System Operation & REES/ Generation-Electrical & Supply Chain Management/ Generation-Civil)

The Company Secretary

The RCAO/ECA, Vidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom/ The Legal Liaison Officer

The PA to Director (Finance) / Senior C.A. to Secretary (Administration)

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