



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

Relief in fixed charge/Demand charge and allowing installment facility for remitting balance dues applicable to Cinema theatres in the State during their shut down period including lockdown period to alleviate the difficulties faced by them due to restriction imposed due to Covid Pandemic - ratification—orders issued

CORPORATE OFFICE (Planning)

B.O. (FTD) No. 118/2021(KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic – Tariff Concession/2020-21) dated, Tvpn 10.02.2021

- Read: 1. B.O. (FTD) No.363 /2020 (KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic –Tariff Concession / 2020-21) dated 30.05.2020.
2. G.O. (RT) No.67 /2021/P.D. dated 01.06.2020
3. G.O. (RT) No.14 /2021/P.D. dated 28.01.2021.
4. Office order (CMD) No. 145/2021 (KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic –Tariff Concession / 2020-21) dated 30.01.2021
5. Note No. KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic – Tariff Concession/2020-21 dated 02.02.2021 of the Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer to the Full Time Directors (Agenda No.21/2/21)

ORDER

KSEB Ltd, as per B.O. read as 1st above, has accorded sanction to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software for LT consumers and for HT & EHT consumers to allow a rebate of 25% on fixed charge applicable to Industrial/Commercial consumers and Private Hospitals for the months of March, April and May-2020 and to defer the payment of balance fixed charge (75%) of these months, up to 15.12.2020, without levying interest during the deferred period. Accordingly, rebates were allowed to these consumers during July-August, 2020. Since, cinema theatres operating in the State are being billed under Commercial tariff (Low tension- LT VII(C) Commercial ; High Tension - HT IV(A)/HT IV(B) Commercial), they are also eligible for the above said reliefs. Later, the Government of Kerala, as per order read 2nd above, has issued formal orders to above extent.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Kerala, on 11.01.2021 convened a meeting to address various covid induced issues raised by the associations in the film industry. It was decided in the meeting among other things to provide relief @50% in the fixed charge applicable to cinema theaters for the closure period of 10 months and to allow installments for the balance payments.

The Government , as per order read as 3rd above, after having considered all the aspects of the matter in detail, directed KSEB Ltd. to allow 50% rebate on fixed charge during the last 10 months

including lockdown period and to allow installment facility for remitting the balance dues applicable to Cinema theatres in the State, as follows:

- a) The 25% relief on fixed charge/demand charges already granted to cinema theatres as per the order 2nd above for the months of March, April and May-2020 shall be increased to 50% for these months.
- b) Relief of 50% on fixed charge/demand charge shall be allowed in subsequent months ie. from June to December-2020.
- c) Six monthly equal installments shall be allowed to remit their balance dues.
- d) If any theaters have already remitted the demand / fixed charges in full or part, during these periods, the relief shall be adjusted in subsequent bills.

Government has issued this direction, in view of public interest, to KSEB Ltd. to pass on the above relief smoothly, as per Article 55 of Article of Association of the Company. The Government has also directed Hon'ble Commission to grant approval by considering the matter of allowing reliefs as a matter of policy involving public interest under section 108 of the Electricity Act- 2003.

The Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer, as per note dated 29.01.2021 submitted to Chairman and Managing Director pointed out that, in light of the direction of the Government as above, suitable modification are to be made in the LT and HT& EHT billing software to enable the passing on of the above exemptions to the eligible consumers, in anticipation of a favorable order from KSERC and recommended to authorize Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software for LT consumers and for HT &EHT consumers to provide the reliefs to cinema theatres in the State, as ordered by the Government as per order read 3rd above.

Considering the urgency, the Chairman & Managing Director has accorded sanction to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make the following modifications in the LT and HT & EHT billing software, to enable the passing on of the above reliefs, subject to the ratification of Full Time Directors of KSEB Ltd.

- a) to provide an additional relief of 25% on fixed charge/demand charge applicable to cinema theatres for the months of March, April and May-2020 .
- b) to provide relief of 50% on fixed charge/demand charge applicable to cinema theatres for the months from June to December- 2020 .
- c) to allow six equal monthly installments to remit the balance dues after allowing reliefs as above.
- d) to adjust the eligible relief in demand charge /fixed charge, in cases, where the bill amounts are already paid in full or part, shall be adjusted in balance outstanding, if any, or be allowed in subsequent bills.
- e) to provide the above reliefs in the bills to be issued for Jan- 2021 itself. Any balance amount of relief, after adjusting in the bills issued for January-2021, shall be adjusted in subsequent bills.

Further, the Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer as per note read as 5th above has pointed out that necessary Office order to the above extent has been released as per order 4th above and requested to ratify the action in having issued orders for granting reliefs to cinema theatres as per Government order dated 28.01.2021 in anticipation of approval from KSERC, and authorising Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in it's meeting held on 04.02.2021, resolved to ratify the action in having issued orders for granting reliefs to cinema theatres as per Government order dated 28.01.2021 in anticipation of approval from KSERC, and authorizing Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software.

Orders are issued accordingly

By Order of Full Time Directors

Sd/-

Lekha.G

Company Secretary -in -charge

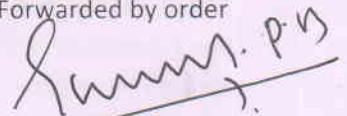
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Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full Powers of Chief Engineer
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Assistant Executive Engineer