



### KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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### **Abstract**

Request for waiving meter faulty penalty by M/s. Government Central Press, Thiruvananthapuram (LCN 15/3919) – Compliance of Adalath decision – Sanctioned – Orders issued.

# CORPORATE OFFICE (SPECIAL OFFICER (REVENUE))

B.O(FTD) No.28/2021 (SOR/CGB/HTB 15/3919/2020-21).

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16.01.2021.

- Read:- (1) Decision in the Thiruvananthapuram District Adalath 2020 held on 19.02.2020.
  - (2) Letter No.SOR/Printing Dept./2019-20 dated 07.03.2020 of the Special Officer (Revenue) addressed to the Director, Printing Department of Kerala.
  - (3) Letter No.3859/2020/G6/DP dated 08.05.2020 of the Director, Printing Department of Kerala.
  - (4) Letter No.DB2/HT/Tvpm Gl/2020-21/54 dated 24.06.2020 of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Thiruvananthapuram (Urban).
  - (5) Letter No.103134/2019/G6/DP(1) dated 07.08.2020 of the Director, Printing Department of Kerala.
  - (6) Note No. SOR/CGB/HTB 15/3919/2020-21 dated 22.12.2020 of the Special Officer (Revenue) to the Director (Finance), KSEBL.
  - (7) Note No. SOR/CGB/HTB 15/3919/2020-21dated 31.12.2020 of the Special Officer (Revenue) submitted to the Full Time Directors (Agenda Item 15/1/21).

#### **ORDER**

M/s. Government Central Press, Thiruvananthapuram is an HT consumer of Electrical Section, Puthanchantha under Electrical Circle, Thiruvananthapuram (Urban) with LCN 15/3919. The energy meter of the above consumer was reported as faulty with effect from 06.11.2019. Accordingly, the invoices for the period from 12/2019 were issued for average consumption. An amount of ₹84,901/- was also imposed in the invoice for 01/2020 as penalty for meter fault due to non-replacement of faulty meter within the stipulated time of two months as per Clause 4(d) of General Conditions to HT & EHT consumers in tariff revision order dated 08.07.2019. The penalty amount was remitted promptly by the Government consumer along with current charge for 01/2020 through the Centralized Billing System.

Subsequently, aggrieved by the imposition of penalty, the Director, Printing Department of Kerala, as per letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above has requested KSEBL to waive the penalty amount treating it as a Government Department and also in consideration of official formalities to be observed in various level for procuring a new meter.

The matter was came up in the Thiruvananthapuram District Vydyuthi Adalath 2020 held on 19.02.2020, where in it was decided to waive the meter faulty penalty already imposed in respect of the service connection subject to the condition that the faulty meter would have to be replaced within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  months from the date of Adalath.

The Adalath decision was duly intimated the consumer as per the office letter read as  $2^{nd}$  above.

The Director, Printing Department of Kerala as per letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above has reported that new ToD meter and CT, PT units were entrusted to the TMR Officials of KSEBL by the PWD Authorities, but declaration of 'Lockdown' due to Covid Pandemic has delayed the replacement.

The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Thiruvananthapuram (Urban) as per letter read as 4<sup>th</sup> above, has reported that the faulty meter in the premises of the Government Central Press, Thiruvananthapuram has been replaced on 23.06.2020.

It is noted that the faulty meter is not seen replaced within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  months from the date of the Vydyuthi Adalath dated 19.02.200 (i.e., within 04.04.2020) being a preconditions to waive meter faulty penalty as decided by the Adalath Committee.

In the light of the above facts, the Director, Printing Department of Kerala as per letter read  $5^{\rm th}$  above again, requested to waive the penalty and adjust the already paid amount in the subsequent bills.

The Director (Finance) in the note read as 6<sup>th</sup> above directed to put up the matter before the Full Time Directors. Accordingly the subject matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 7<sup>th</sup> above. Having examined the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 07.01.2021, resolved to accord sanction to consider the request of the Director Printing Department of Kerala to adjust the already paid amount of ₹84,901/- against their subsequent monthly invoices since it is a Kerala Government Department and the delay was due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Director,

Sd/-LEKHA .G; COMPANY SECRETARY (IN-CHARGE).

To

M/s. Government Central Press, Thiruvananthapuram (LCN 15/3919)

## Copy to:-

1. The Financial Adviser/The Chief Internal Auditor.

2. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Thiruvananthapuram.

- The TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ Director (Distn., IT & HRM/ Director (Transmission, System Operation & REES)/ Director (Generation (Ele.) & SCM) / Director (Generation-Civil)/ Director (Planning & Safety).
- 4. The PA to Director (Finance)/Senior CA to Secretary (Administration).
- The Special Officer (Revenue).
- 6. The Company Secretary-in charge.

7. Library/Stock file.

Forwarded / By Order