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ABSTRACT

Pilot implementation of Direct Beneficiary Transfer Scheme in Pathanamthitta District for agricultural consumption- Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (Commercial & Planning)

B.O. (FTD) No. 794 /2020 (KSEB/TRAC/FO/DBT) dated, Tvpm 31.12.2020

- Read: 1. Letter No. F. No. 40 (06)/PF-S/2017-18/Vol. V dated 17.05.2020 from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
2. Letter No. D.O. No. PLG-A(R) 11/2020-Fin dated 19.05.2020 from the Additional Chief Secretary Finance to the Secretary, Power Department.
3. Letter No KSEB/TRAC/FO/808 dated 04.06.2020 to Government of Kerala.
4. Letter No. C1/79/2020-Power dated 07.10.2020.
5. Letter No. P.A.3/67/2020-Agri dated 08.10.2020 from Agriculture (Planning A) Department.
6. Letter No KSEB/TRAC/FO/1065 dated 27.10.2020 to Government of Kerala.
7. Letter No KSEB/TRAC/FO/1078 dated 02.11.2020 to Government of Kerala.
8. G.O. No. 82/2020/Agriculture dated 05.11.2020.
9. Note No KSEB/TRAC/FO/DBT dated, 13.11.2020 of the Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer submitted to the Full Time Directors. **(Agenda No. 63/11/2020)**

ORDER

The Government of India, as per letter read as 1st above, has decided to provide additional borrowing limit of up to 2% of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for the year 2020-21 to the States. The relaxation in borrowing limit of 0.50 % is unconditional and the remaining 1.50 % will be conditional to the reforms under four different sectors including power sector. The additional borrowing limit of 0.25% under power sector reforms depends on three specified parameters viz. reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, reduction in gap between Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and Average Revenue Realization (ARR) and introduction of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the farmers.

The parameter relating to DBT to the farmers relates to the electricity bills of the Agricultural consumers, whose bills are paid through State budget allocation, and being remitted to KSEBL by Krishi Bhavans across the State. The Government, as per order read as 8th above, has ordered the implementation of DBT scheme in Pathanamthitta district on experimental basis along with guidelines enabling its smooth implementation.

The Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer, as per note read as 9th above opined that the stipulation regarding disconnection and penal interest/ surcharge as per G.O is against the Supply code provisions. Since the order pertains for pilot implementation in Pathanamthitta district only, it is suggested to comply with the same with intimation to the KSERC, for the pilot phase and also recommended to take up the matter with the Government in case the scheme is rolled out subsequently.

It was also suggested to authorize the Financial Adviser to take up the matter of Krishi bhavan arrears of Pathanamthitta District, till the pilot project is implemented, with the Government as the order is silent on its release in full.

Having considered the above, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 17.11.2020,

Resolved to accord sanction to implement the pilot DBT scheme in Pathanamthitta District as ordered by the Government.

Further resolved to comply with the stipulation regarding disconnection of supply and penal interest/ surcharge on account of delay in obtaining funds and to report the matter to KSERC.

Further resolved to authorize the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pathanamthitta to implement the same including:

- a. Electricity bill for three months based on the past consumption is to be ascertained and invoice to this effect given to respective Krishi bhavans.
- b. Instance of misutilization of funds or electricity by the beneficiary, if any, is noticed, the fact thereof shall be shared by Agriculture department. Details of such beneficiaries shall be compiled periodically and submitted to the Director (Distribution, IT and HRM) for placing before the High-Power Committee.
- c. Disconnection of power supply on account of delay in obtaining funds from Government to be avoided during pilot phase.
- d. Mapping of individual consumers included in each beneficiary group appropriately in the billing software.
- e. Obtain the user facility in online facility created by the Director, Agriculture and monitor the smooth implementation of the scheme.

Further resolved to authorize the Financial Adviser to take up the matter of arrears of Krishi Bhavan, Pathanamthitta with the Government for obtaining the release of entire arrears till the implementation of the pilot scheme.

Further resolved to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT & CR) to make modification in the Orumanet application to comply with direction on non-charging of penal interest due to delay in release of Government funds.

Orders are issued accordingly,

By Order of Full Time Directors

Sd/-

Lekha. G

Company Secretary (In Charge)

To

1. The Chief Engineer (IT & CR)
2. The Financial Adviser
3. Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer.
4. Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pathanamthitta

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Director (Safety, Planning & REES / Director (Generation Electrical & SCM).

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Finance Officer