

Abstract

Adalath 2020 - Petition from Secretary, Vettakkal A Block Karinila, Nellulpaadaka Samithi - Extension of decision in similar cases– Sanction Accorded – Orders issued

CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

B.O.(FTD)No.775/2020(D(D,IT&HRM)/D-2/Adalath/0026/2020-21 Dated,Thiruvananthapuram 24.12.2020

Read: 1. Letter No. CE(DC)/AB1/Adalath 2020/2020-21/2212 dated 23.11.2020 of the Chief Engineer (Distribution Central), Ernakulam

2. Note No D(D,IT &HRM))/ D2/Adalath/0026/20-21 dated 14.12.2020 of the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda No. 46/12/20)

ORDER

An agricultural connection is given in the name of Sri. Swamikunju, Secretary, Vettakkal A-Block Karinila Karshaka Sangham, with Consumer no.1706, under Pattanakkadu Electrical Section. As per the prevailing Government order, the current charges for such connection is remitted by the Agriculture department from April to September and the consumer has to pay the electricity charges for the balance months i.e. from October to March . But both the Krishi Bhavan and the consumer defaulted payments for a long period thus accumulating arrear amount to Rs. 2,54,429/- including arrears. Out of this an amount of Rs. 2,47,741/- is consumer's share (i.e. 1,86,602/- current charge arrear + Rs. 61139/- interest).

The authorities of Karinila Nellulpadaka Samithi filed a petition directly in the Vidyuthi Adalath 2020 conducted in Alappuzha District, requesting rebate for the amount to be remitted. No decision was taken in the Adalath, but it was directed to examine whether any rebate could be given.

The Chief Engineer (Distribution Central), as per letter read 1 above, has informed that as the complaint relates to similar ones with consumer nos 1710 and 1712 (i.e 6 months current charges paid by Krishi Bhavan and 6 months current charges paid by the consumer), under Electrical Section, Pattanakkadu, which were settled in the Adalath 2020, it was recommended that the decision of those consumers can be extended to the subject complaint also, for ease of settlement of long pending arrears. considering that the purpose of the service connection is meant for paddy cultivation.

The decision with regard to similar case in respect of consumer no 1710 under ES Pattanakkad was that considering that it as an agricultural connection and that the amount has accumulated after the non remittance by Krishi Bhavan, the dues may be calculated without surcharge (excluding that to be remitted by Krishibhavan) and for that amount, 12 installments @ 12% interest was given.

Hence, the Chief Engineer (Distribution Central) has sought direction on whether the decision on similar cases can be extended to the subject complaint for ease of settlement of long pending arrears.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 2nd above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 16.12.2020, resolved to accord sanction to extend the decision taken in the Adalath 2020 in a similar case with consumer no.1710 under Electrical Section, Pattanakkadu, to the agriculture consumer Sri. Swamikunju, Secretary, Vettakkal A-Block Karinila Karshaka Sangham, with consumer no.1706, under Pattanakkadu Electrical Section, considering that the service connection is meant for paddy cultivation and that the petition was received in Adalath 2020.

Further resolved to accord sanction to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Alappuzha for the following:

1. To realize the Principal amount of the arrears due against the above consumer, Sri. Swamikunju (excluding that to be remitted by Krishibhavan)
2. To waive the interest on the principal amount.
3. To allow 12 installments @ 12 % interest for the calculated amount.

Further resolved that since the consumer suffered heavily during 2018 and 2019 floods, and the request came before Adalath, the request is approved as a special case.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of Full Time Directors,
Sd/-
Lekha G.
Company Secretary (In charge)

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Alappuzha

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