



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

Settlement of arrears of Consumer No. 1156241003522, M/s Hotel Maharani, Pala under OTS scheme 2019- ratification: -- Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

BO (FTD) No. 745/2020 (D (D, IT&HRM)/D-1/OTS/2019-20/0002) dtd, Tvpm.17.12.2020 .

- Read: - 1 Representation dated 15/5/2019 from Sri Sooraj Mathew, Hotel Maharani, Pala.
2. Letter No. ECP/GB2/Compl/Min/07/2019-20/6374 dated 18/6/2019 from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pala.
 3. Letter No. D(D&IT)/D-1/OTS/2019-20/0002 dated 02/7/2019 from the Director (Distribution & IT) to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pala.
 4. BO (FTD) No.797/2019 (TRAC/GL/OTS-2019/19-20) dated 31/10/2019.
 5. Letter No. ECP/GB2/Compl/Min/07/2020-21/649 dated 22/10/2020 from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pala.
 6. Note No. D (D&IT)/D1/OTS/19-20-21/0002 dated 10/11/2020 of the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM) addressed to the Full Time Directors, KSEBL. (Agenda No. 54/11/2020)

ORDER

Sri Sooraj Mathew, Partner, Hotel Maharani, Pala, in his petition dated 15.05.2019 to the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, requested sanction to settle the current charge arrears of his electricity connection bearing consumer No.3522 under Electrical Section, Pala on OTS.

The Hon'ble Minister ordered to examine the possibility of settling the amount under OTS scheme and to avoid disconnection of the service until a decision is taken.

The currency of the OTS scheme 2018 was till 31.12.2018 and no scheme existed at the time for the arrears to be remitted at reduced interest rates.

The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pala, as per letter read as 2 above, reported that an amount of ₹1,41,717/- existed as arrears against M/s. Hotel Maharani, Pala, bearing consumer No.3522 of Electrical Section, Pala, for exceeding quota for consumption fixed during the power cut period from 07.01.1996 to 06/97. The consumer challenged the above bill by filing a case and an appeal before the Hon'ble Munsiff Court and the Sub Courts at Pala respectively and the same were dismissed. Further, S.A. 711/2002 filed by the consumer before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala was also dismissed.

The Deputy Chief Engineer also reported that the details of the arrears were considered earlier by the District Level Committee, Kottayam, constituted for the settlement of arrears under OTS scheme, and the committee, on discussing the case had come to the conclusion that the subject arrears were eligible for settlement under OTS on production of proof of application filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala for the withdrawal of S.A. 711/2002 filed by the consumer. But no further actions were taken by the consumer in this regard then.

The details of arrears outstanding as reported by the Deputy Chief Engineer on 18/6/2019 were as follows:

Principal (₹)	1,41,717.00	1,41,717.00
Penal Interest	at normal rate (₹)	under reduced interest rates (as under the OTS scheme)
	5,57,612.00	1,39,591.00
Total (₹)	6,99,329.00	2,81,308.00

The Director (Distribution, IT & HRM), as per order read as 3 above, issued directions to allow the consumer to remit the principal portion of the arrears and then to later remit the arrears under the OTS scheme which was then expected to be announced shortly, after collecting an undertaking from the consumer that the interest portion will be remitted when demanded by KSEBL. Accordingly, the consumer remitted the principal amount of arrears ₹1,41,717/- on 22/7/2019.

KSEBL as per order read as 4, announced OTS scheme for settlement of arrears and the consumer was allowed to avail this scheme to remit the interest at the reduced interest rates allowed in OTS 2019, during the currency of the OTS 2019, in six installments starting from 9/12/19 and ending on 27/8/2020.

The Deputy Chief Engineer, as per letter read 5, requested ratification of the settlement of arrears of the consumer, since the consumer was allowed to remit the principal amount while no OTS scheme was in place, and was given allowance to wait till the next OTS scheme for remittance of interest amounts to avail the benefit of reduced interests as per the OTS scheme.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 6th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 17/11/2020, resolved to ratify the settlement of the arrears of the consumer Hotel Maharani, Pala (Cons No. 3522 under Electrical Section, Pala) by allowing the consumer to remit only the principal amount of arrears in July 2019 (when the OTS scheme was not in place) and to remit the interest portion of the arrears during the OTS scheme announced in October 2019 at reduced rates and in six installments.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/-

Lekha.G

Company Secretary-in charge.

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The Chief Engineer (Distribution South)
The Chief Internal Auditor/LA&DEO/CVO
The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pala
The TA to Chairman & Managing Director
The TA to Director (Distribution, IT&HRM / Transmission, System Operation & REES/ Safety & Planning / Generation-Electrical &Supply Chain Management / Generation-Civil)
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Assistant Executive Engineer