



Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

(Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956)

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ABSTRACT

Unauthorised cable drawal along electric poles of KSEBL- regularisation - Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

B.O.(FTD)No.680/2020(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0009/)Dated,Thiruvananthapuram 09.11.2020

Read:

1. B.O.(FM)(Genl)No.2838/2010(DPCII/CTV General-3/2010) dated 01.11.2010
2. B.O.(FB)(Genl)No.443/2012(DPCII/Asianet-2/2011) dated 25.02.2012
3. B.O.(FTD)No.2456/2014(LAII/Asianet/PLP 6639/13) dated 19.09.2014
4. B.O.(CMD)No.3446/2014(D(D&S)/D5/CTV/4373/2014) dated 31.12.2014
5. B.O.(FTD)No.1865/2015(D(D&S)/D5/CTV/4373/2014) dated 28.07.2015
6. B.O.(DB)No.733/2016(D(D&S)/D5/Asianet-2/2011) dated 03.03.2016
7. B.O.(FTD)No.1387/2016(D(D&S)/D5/Asianet 2/2011) dated 05.05.2016
8. B.O.(FTD)No.1666/2018(D(D&IT)/D5/General/2017-18/0007) dated 18.07.2018
9. B.O.(DB)No.1861/2018(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2018-19/0001)Dated 17.10.2018
10. B.O.(FTD)No.1969/2018(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2018-19/0003) dated 01.12.2018
11. B.O.(FTD)No.34/2019(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2018-19/ dated 16.01.2019
12. B.O.(FTD)No.81/2020(CE-IT & CR/ RITU/KFON/2019-20) dated 04.02.2020
13. Letter no. D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0001 dated 30.06.2020 of the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM) to the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles
14. Note No. D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0009 dated 21.10.2020 of the Director(Distribution, IT & HRM) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda Item no. 15/11/20)

ORDER

It was learnt that the Cable TV Operators (including franchisees of BSNL) have drawn their cables along electric poles of KSEBL, during the lock down period, without obtaining prior sanction from KSEBL. Hence, as per letter read as 13th above, directions were issued to the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles to issue instructions to the Executive Engineers of Electrical Divisions under their jurisdiction to dismantle all the unauthorizedly drawn cables along electric poles of KSEBL (without causing damages to the cables) with immediate effect, if found not feasible / safe, considering the prevailing load on the poles and other conditions. It was also directed that, if the cable drawal was found feasible and safe, an undertaking shall be obtained from those Cable TV Operators/ Users, agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of KSEBL and, their

applications along with the undertaking shall be forwarded to the Director(Distribution, IT & HRM) along with the relevant details for obtaining sanction.

In accordance with the above, a number of applications requesting regularization of cable drawal along the distribution poles of KSEBL were forwarded to the O/o the Director (Distribution, IT & HRM). As more number of requests were being received at the O/o the Director(Distribution, IT & HRM), the matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per the detailed note read as 14th above, along with the proposal for regularization of the unauthorized cable drawal.

Having examined the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 04.11.2020 resolved to authorize the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles to regularize the unauthorized drawal of Cables through the electric poles of KSEBL on or before 31.12.2020, for only those cases which are found feasible and safe and for those which are not in K-FON area; strictly ensuring tagging of cables. Regularization shall be done as per the terms and conditions as in **Annexure** subject to the condition that the Cable drawal sanction shall be valid till 31.03.2021 or till the materialization of K-FON, whichever is earlier.

Further resolved to accord sanction for the following:

1. To dismantle all the unauthorizedly drawn cables along electric poles of KSEBL (without causing damages to the cables) with immediate effect, if found not feasible / safe considering the prevailing load on the poles and other conditions or if found to be in K-FON route.
2. To collect penalty at the rate of two times normal rate applicable (based on the purpose of cable drawal) as on the date of regularization (as per B.O. dated 18.07.2018) with effect from the actual date of usage, if known or else with effect from 01.04.2019.
3. To entrust the Chief Public Relations Officer to give wide publicity on the subject matter through press release, website etc. for the voluntary removal/ regularization Scheme of poles used unauthorizedly for cable drawal through electric poles of KSEBL, clearly mentioning that Statewide drive would be conducted to remove all unauthorized cable TV line after the allowed time viz. 31.12.2020.
4. To specially entrust the Chief Vigilance Officer to conduct surprise inspection to check unauthorized drawal of Cable TV lines along electric poles of KSEB on a regular basis in order to effectively curb the tendency of Cable TV Operators to draw cables unauthorizedly.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/-

Lekha G.

Company Secretary In Charge

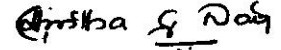
To

1. All Deputy Chief Engineers, Electrical Circles under South/Central/North/North Malabar
2. The Chief Public Relations Officer(CPRO), KSEBL
3. The Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), KSEBL

Copy to:

1. The Chief Engineer, Distribution (South/ Central/ North/ North Malabar)/ The Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs)
2. The TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ The TA to Director (Distribution, IT & HRM/ Transmission-System Operation & REES/ Generation-Electrical & Supply Chain Management/ Generation-Civil)
3. The Company Secretary
4. The RCAO/ECA, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom/ The Legal Liaison Officer
5. The PA to Director (Finance) / Senior C.A. to Secretary (Administration)
6. Fair Copy Section / Library / Stock File.

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Assistant Executive Engineer

Procedure for regularization of cable drawal along the electric poles of KSEBL

1. At Circle level, a meeting of all Cable TV Operators shall be called observing Covid-19 protocol and each Cable TV Operator shall be asked to furnish details of the number of poles used by them as on date.
2. The details furnished by the Cable TV Operators are to be cross checked at the respective Electrical Section Offices for authenticity. During this verification, it shall be ensured that no cables other than what has been indicated has been drawn along the electric poles of KSEBL. It shall also be ensured that the cables are properly tagged.
3. A Register shall be maintained in the Electrical Section showing details of pole numbers allotted to each Cable TV Operator.
4. The number of poles of each Cable TV Operator shall be correctly identified and it shall be presumed that the same number of poles have been used by them since the actual date of drawal or with effect from 01.04.2019 (in case actual date is not known). Rates applicable as per the Order shall be levied and the Cable TV Operator shall then execute Agreement for the usage period till 31.03.2021 with the Executive Engineer of the respective Division, agreeing to pay the annual pole rentals periodically in advance as per the prevailing Board Orders.
5. No exclusivity will be allowed. If a network is used by multiple Operators, all Operators would need to remit the pole rentals fixed by KSEB Ltd.
6. Regularization as above shall be completed positively on or before **31.12.2020**.
7. All the unauthorizedly drawn cables along electric poles of KSEBL **shall be dismantled** (without causing damages to the cables) with immediate effect, if found not feasible / safe considering the prevailing load on the poles and other conditions or if found to be in K-FON route. If Cable TV Operators do not remove all Cable TV lines drawn unauthorizedly before 31.12.2020, the same shall be removed by KSEB seeking assistance from local police, if necessary. Field Officers shall seek assistance of the Chief Vigilance Officer for liaison with local police.
8. If the Cable TV Operator is willing to regularize the unauthorized usage by remitting the requisite amount, the same shall be permitted if the Cable TV lines were drawn following the safety standards prescribed by the Board and the conditions mentioned here in.
9. The regularisation of unauthorized usage of poles are to be done subject to the following conditions:

- (a) penal rates approved for regularization shall be collected before regularizing the usage.
 - (b) Up to date liabilities of taxes including interest and penalty, if any, on account of pole rental charges shall be met by Cable TV Operator. Requests from Cable TV Operators who have cleared all pending payments, including pole rental charges, penalty, taxes etc. as per relevant Board Orders in force, only be considered for renewal of Agreement.
 - (c) Power supply to the Cable TV Operators shall be summarily disconnected if KSEB notices any unauthorized drawal of Cable by that Operator. This clause shall be incorporated in the Service Connection Agreement for providing supply of power.
 - (d) Based on the geographical sketch/ route map marking the poles required/used produced by the Cable TV Operator, joint inspection shall be conducted by both KSEB as well as the Cable TV Operators to ascertain correct number of poles being rented out prior to renewal/ execution of new Agreement.
 - (e) Regularization shall be done in accordance with the relevant Board Orders & guidelines in force.
10. Executive Engineers of Electrical Divisions shall provide copy of the Agreement along with approved route map and details of poles allotted to each Cable TV Operator to the concerned Assistant Engineers. A Register shall be maintained in the Electrical Section showing details of pole numbers allotted to each Cable TV Operator.
11. The Executive Engineers of Electrical Divisions shall give proper intimation and publicity through media regarding the regularization scheme and to dismantle all unauthorized cable drawal, which has not been regularized as per the Order.

Sd/-
Lekha G.
Company Secretary in Charge