



## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd.

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### ABSTRACT

Implementation of Direct Beneficiary Transfer Scheme (DBT) throughout the State- adoption of G.O. No. 82/2021/Agriculture dated 22.09.2021 - Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

### **CORPORATE OFFICE (Commercial & Tariff)**

B.O. (FTD) No.138 /2022 (KSEB/TRAC/FO/ DBT ) dated, Thiruvananthapuram 21 .02.2022

Read: 1. G.O. No. 82/2020/Agriculture dated 05.11.2020.

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

3. G.O. No. 82/2021/Agriculture dated 22.09.2021

4. Note No KSEB/TRAC/FO/DBT dated. 21.01.2022 of the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) (Agenda No. 75/1/22)

### ORDER

The State Government, as per order read as 1<sup>st</sup> above, has ordered implementation of DBT scheme in Pathanamthitta district on experimental basis along with guidelines enabling smooth implementation. Accordingly, KSEB Ltd. as per order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above has accorded sanction to implement the pilot DBT scheme in Pathanamthitta District as ordered by the Government.

Now, Government as per order read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above has decided to extend the DBT scheme throughout the State along with certain guidelines enabling smooth implementation. The guidelines are summarised below:

- a. The subsidy amount should be paid in advance to the bank account opened by the beneficiary groups/Padasekhara Samithies. The President and Secretary should be selected for each group and a joint bank account in the name of the President, Secretary and concerned Agriculture Officer for the group should be started only as zero balance for transfer of advance amount to KSEB Section Office.
- b. The amount to be paid by the individual/ group/ Padasekhara Samithi for two months should be calculated based on the electricity consumption of the previous months and returned to the Krishi Bhawan from the concerned Electricity Section Office along with

the invoice for the total amount. Based on the claims received from the Electricity Section Office, the Agriculture Officer concerned should deposit the bill amount to the account of the concerned individual/ group/ Padasekhara Samiti from the respective budget allocation along with the name of the individual/group, the name of the farmers involved in the group, the bill amount, the consumer number, the bank account information of the group and the number of connections, consumer number and bank account details of the Padasekhara Samithies. Within 10 days after receipt of the bill from KSEB or on the due date of the bill, whichever comes earlier, the bill amount shall be paid to the KSEB office from the amount received in advance and the Expenditure Statement shall be submitted to the Agriculture Office by the individual/ Secretary of the concerned group/ Padasekhara Samithi.

- c. A High Level Committee consisting of the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Power, Agricultural Production Commissioner, Principal Secretary (Finance), Principal Secretary (Power), the Director of the Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare and the Chief Engineer (Distribution) of KSEB shall monitor the project.
- d. If instance of misutilization of funds or electricity by the beneficiary is noticed, the fact thereof shall be shared by Agriculture department and KSEBL and remittance towards such beneficiary shall not be made out of Government funds. Details of such beneficiary are to be submitted by KSEBL to the High power Committee in every six months.
- e. In case of any delay in getting funds from the Department of Agriculture, KSEB shall not disconnect the free electricity connections for agricultural purposes under any circumstances. In addition, no surcharge/ penal interest shall be levied. New agricultural electricity connections should continue to be allowed on applications from farmers who are eligible for electricity for agricultural purposes.
- f. The Director of Agriculture development/ farmers welfare should take steps to prepare the online system required for the implementation of the scheme and provide user facility as per the requirements of KSEB and view facility and user facility to the Finance Department in the said online portal.

- g. In addition, the reconciliation between the advance amount sanctioned by the Department of Agriculture to the farmers and the amount paid by the farmers to the Electricity Section Office on the basis of the electricity bill should be done by the Principal Agricultural Officer concerned once in 6 months and in the state level, The Director, Agriculture shall monitor the same. The Director should take steps to adjust the advance amount subsequently sanctioned in proportion to the balance amount available in the account of individuals / groups / Padasekhara Samithies.

The Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) as per note read as 4<sup>th</sup> above has pointed out that the stipulation regarding disconnection and penal interest/ surcharge as per para 4(e) above is against the Supply code provisions and hence recommended to request the Government to take up matter with the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (KSERC) with a direction to the Commission to amend the relevant provisions of the Supply Code in the case of agriculture consumers under DBT regime, as part of reducing regulatory compliance burden.

The Chief Engineer further pointed out that the Government order is silent on the release of existing Krishi bhavan arrears and recommended to authorise Financial adviser to take up the matter with the Government and to obtain the release of entire arrears till the roll out of DBT scheme throughout the State.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 26.01.2022 resolved to accord sanction for the following:

1. To implement the DBT scheme throughout the State as ordered by the Government vide order dated 22.09.2021.
2. To comply with the stipulation regarding disconnection of supply and penal interest/ surcharge on account of delay in obtaining funds as per par 4 (h) above for the time being.
3. To address the Government to issue direction to KSERC to amend the relevant provisions of the Supply Code for exempting disconnection and waiver of interest in case of delay in getting funds, in the case of agriculture consumers under DBT regime, as part of reducing regulatory compliance burden.

4. to authorize the Arrear Clearance Cell to take up the matter of existing Krishi bhavan arrears with the Government and to obtain the release of entire arrears till the roll out of DBT scheme throughout the State.
5. to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT, CAPS & CR) to make modification in the billing Software to implement the order dated 22.09.2021 of the Government in case of DBT billed agriculture consumers.
6. To take up the deviation from Supply Code with Government and KSERC for rectification.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of Full Time Directors  
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Lekha.G  
Company Secretary -in -charge

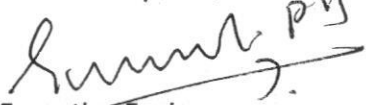
To

Chief Engineer (IT & CR),  
Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff)  
TA to Director (Distribution, IT&HRM)  
Accounts Officer, Arrear Clearance Cell.

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