

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Power Department - General Policy for Laying Optical Fibre Cable through the Distribution Poles of KSEBL - Formulated - Orders Issued.

POWER (C) DEPARTMENT

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Read 1 B.O(FB) (Genl)No.443/2012 (DPCII/Asianet-2/2011) dtd 25/2/2012 of KSEBL

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3 G.O(Rt)No.11/2021/Power dtd 2/3/2021

ORDER

In view of the need to optimize utility revenue and need to ensure faster and efficient Data/internet connectivity in the State , especially in view of increased demands due to online education,post Covid-19, Government are pleased to formulate a general policy as follows for laying Optical Fibre cable through the distribution poles of KSEBL.

1. Utilities including KSEBL shall rent power poles to data providers for stringing compatible Data/video cables on specific applications subject to technical feasibility, integrity and security of the power system within a maximum time frame of 30 days from date of application.
2. The rental rates will be as fixed vide the G.Os read 2nd and 3rd paper above for the financial year 2021-2022 , taking rates applied for 2021-2022 to be base rates applicable for new as well as renewal/extension of agreement applications. The rates will be reviewed after one financial year and thereafter every financial year on proposal from utility.
3. The maximum period of renting at an instance /agreement shall be five years at a time which shall be renewable upon mutual agreement.

4. Full concessional rates shall be provided for the poles exclusively servicing tribal blocks/ panchayats so notified by Govt or certified by the District Collectors.
5. The utility can, for good and sufficient reason, terminate the rental order/ agreement with two months notice to the service provider if technical/ security risks are observed subsequently and are not rectified by the lessee upon due notice.
6. Renewal shall automatic except if the operator has attracted a disqualification operationally, commercially (no arrears) or technically during the past rental period and upon defraying accepted rental rates due for the period applied for extension.
7. Individual applications shall be disposed as above by the utility including KSEBL.
8. The Department of Power will have the powers to decide appeals in consultation with the Electronics & IT Department.

(By order of the Governor)
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