



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

(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)

BO (FTD)No.795/2022(DIRIT-AE6/2022/360[1])

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 28.09.2022

- Read: 1. B.O. (FB) (Genl) No.443/2012 (DPCII/ Asianet-2/ 2011) dated 25.02.2012.
2. B.O. (DB) No.276/2018 (CE-IT/RITU/LMC/2014-15/K-FON) dated 29.01.2018.
3. B.O. (FTD) No.1666/2018 (D(D&IT)/D5/General/2017-18/0007 dated 18.07.2018.
4. Joint Venture Agreement dated 17.08.2019 executed between KSEBL, KSITIL (Kerala State IT Infrastructure Ltd.) and Government of Kerala.
5. B.O. (FTD) No.81/2020 (CE-IT & CR/ RITU/KFON/2019-20) dated 04.02.2020.
6. G.O. (Ms) No.9/2021/POWER, dated 26.02.2021.
7. G.O. (Ms) No.11/2021/POWER, dated 02.03.2021.
8. B.O. (DB) No.514/2021(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2021-22/0001) dated 05.07.2021.
9. B.O. (FTD) No.680/2020(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0009) dated 09.11.2020.
10. B.O. (FTD) No.86/2021 (D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0009) dated 31.01.2021.
11. B.O. (FTD) No.320/ 2021 (D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2020-21/0001) dated 05.05.2021.
12. Letter No.FA/Tender/SSs/26/2022-23/31 dated 27.05.2021 of Financial Advisor.
13. Note No.DIRIT-AE6/2022/360 (1)dated 12.07.2022 of the Director (Distribution & SCM) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda item No.52/7/22).

ORDER

A large number of applications requesting regularization of cable drawal along the distribution poles of KSEBL are being received for regularisation. Considering the fact that, some of the Cable TV Operators (including franchisees of BSNL) have drawn their cables along electric poles of KSEBL, during and even before the lock down period, without obtaining prior sanction from KSEBL, the matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per the note read as 13th above.

Having examined the matter in detail, the Full Directors in the meeting held on 15.07.2022 resolved to accord sanction for the following.

1. To authorize the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circle to regularize unauthorized drawal of Cables through the electric poles of KSEBL on or before 31.12.2022, for only those cases which are found feasible and safe strictly ensuring tagging of cables. Regularization shall be done as per the terms and conditions as in Annexure-I attached herewith.
2. To allow the Cable drawal sanction for 5 years or (till the Operator migrates to K- FON project) materialization of K-FON, whichever is earlier.
3. 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.
4. To collect penalty at the rate of 2 times normal rate applicable (based on the purpose of cable drawal) as on the date of regularization (as per B.O. read (3) and (8) above) with effect from the actual date of usage, if known or else with effect from 01.04.2021 as part of regularisation along with 18% GST on the same.
5. To authorize the Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles to allow a maximum up to 10 monthly installments for regularisation.
6. 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. 31.12.2022.
7. To specially entrust the Chief Vigilance Officer to conduct surprise inspection to check unauthorized drawal of Cable TV lines along electric poles of KSEBL 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**

**LEKHA G
Company Secretary**

To:

1. All Deputy Chief Engineers, Electrical Circles
2. The Chief Public Relations Officer, KSEBL.
3. The Chief Vigilance Officer, KSEBL.

Copy to: The Chief Engineer, Distribution (South/ Central/ North/ North Malabar)
The Chief Engineer (IT & CR) / Financial Advisor/ Chief Internal Auditor/

LA&DEO/ CVO/ Company Secretary

The TA to (Chairman & Managing Director / Director (Distribution & SCM & Information Technology)/ Transmission, System Operation, Planning & Safety/ Generation-Electrical / REES, Soura, N, S & W/ Generation-Civil)

The PA to Director (Finance & HRM)

The PRO/Special Officer, Revenue

The RCAO, ECA, Thiruvananthapuram

The CA to Secretary (Administration)

Stock File.

Forwarded / By Order

Assistant Engineer

Annexure I B.O.(FTD) No. 795/2022 (DIRDIT -AE6/2022/360 (1) dated 28.09.2022

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 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 / Oruma net Entry / in electronic form shall be maintained in the Electrical Section showing details of pole numbers allotted to each Cable TV Operator.
4. In case any parallel network has been established by the Cable TV Operators violating the safety aspects, those Cable TV Operators/ Users may be advised to dismantle the same and use KSEBL poles instead after paying the requisite pole rental in advance and executing Agreement at the respective Electrical Division.
5. 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 01.04.2021 (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 for five years with the Executive Engineer of the respective Division, agreeing to pay the annual pole rentals periodically in advance as per the prevailing Board Orders.
6. 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.
7. Regularization as above shall be completed positively on or before 31.12.2022.
8. 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. If Cable TV Operators do not remove all Cable TV lines drawn unauthorizedly before 31.12.2022, 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.
9. 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.
10. The regularisation of unauthorized usage of poles are to be done subject to the following conditions:

- penal rates approved for regularization shall be collected before regularizing the usage.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Regularization shall be done in accordance with the relevant Board Orders & guidelines in force.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Executive Engineer Concerned should ensure the entire satisfaction of Sec 51 of Electricity act 2003.
- The conditions and guidelines as per Board Orders dated 18.10.2002 and 04.02.2020 shall be complied.