



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

OTS 2025 Scheme - Extending of One time Settlement Scheme for Pole rental arrears of Cable TV Operators and Also entrusting Accounts Officer, RAO cell as Nodal officer for OTS -2025 scheme – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (Commercial & Tariff)

B.O(FTD) No.327/2025(KSEBL/TRAC/GL/OTS-2025/Cable TV/2025-26/) Dated

Thiruvananthapuram 09.06.2025

- Read: 1. B O (DB) No. 183/2019 (D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2018-19/0001) dated 01.03.2019
2. Office Order (DF) No.2002/2019(TRAC/GL/OTS-2019/19-20) dated 13.11.2019
 3. BO(FTD) No.383/2022(TRAC/GL/OTS-2022/CableTV/22-23) dated, 07.05.2022
 4. Minutes of the meeting dated 12.09.2023 chaired by Chairman & Managing Director regarding OTS - 2023 scheme
 5. BO(FTD) No.210/2025(TRAC/GL/OTS-2025/24-25/) Dated 30.04.2025
 6. Note No. DD/AE6/2025/9675/CTV/14 dt 15.05.2025 of Director (Distribution & SCM)
 7. Note No. KSEB/ TRAC/GL/OTS-2025/Cable TV/2025-26/191 dated 24.05.2025 of the Deputy Chief Engineer (TRAC) in charge of Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) submitted to the Full Time Directors (Agenda Item No 02/29/05/25)
 8. Minutes of meeting of the Full Time Directors held on 28.05.2025 vide resolution No FTD 02/05/25/29

ORDER

The OTS-2025 scheme was implemented in KSEBL from 01.05.2025 to 31.07.2025 as per B.O read as 5th above. As per the above scheme, consumers with arrears above two years are granted reduced interest rates for favour of settlement. This scheme is open for arrears coming under the head of electricity charges and is not open for arrears accumulated as part of pole rental of Cable TV operators. However, the Director (Distribution & SCM) as per the note read as 6th above, requested to include arrears of Cable TV operators under the OTS-2025 scheme.

Earlier, the Director Board as per the B.O read as 1st above, has accorded sanction to include Cable TV operators with pole rental arrears for more than two years also under the OTS scheme, with similar terms and conditions of OTS of current charge arrears. Accordingly, as per Office Order dated 13.11.2019 read as 2nd, the Cable TV arrears were included in the OTS-2019 scheme. In the OTS -2019 scheme, the reduced interest rates have been 8.31% for arrears within 2 to 5 years and for above 5 years it was 6%. The same interest rates had been given to the Cable TV operators also in compliance to the decision taken by the Director Board.

In the present OTS-2025 scheme, the reduced interest rates are 6% for arrears within 2 to 5 years, 4% for arrears within 5 and 10 years and no interest for arrears above 10 years. If the above scheme is extended to the Cable TV operators also, the similar reduced interest rates will be followed.

Since, a direction of the Director Board is there to include the Cable TV rental arrears also under OTS schemes, the Deputy Chief Engineer (TRAC) in charge of Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) as per note read as 7th above, suggested to settle the Pole rental arrears of Cable TV as per similar terms of OTS-2025 scheme. Further, it was also recommended that the application for OTS of Cable TV arrears may be received at the concerned Electrical Division, as the Executive Engineer of Electrical Division is the agreement authority for pole rent agreements, and forward the same with proper recommendations to the Electrical Circle Office for settlement. The Deputy Chief Engineers of all Electrical Circles may settle the arrears without limit in similar terms and conditions as per the OTS-2025 scheme.

As per minutes of the meeting held on 12.09.2023 chaired by the Chairman and Managing Director, KSEBL regarding OTS - 2023 scheme, the Executive Engineer PMU, the Assistant Executive Engineer APTS and Accounts Officer RAO cell was entrusted with the task of identifying the defaulters in each Panchayath and to get in touch with them for encouraging them to participate in OTS -2023. Also, the Deputy Chief Engineer of Electrical Circle was directed to conduct weekly meeting to review the progress made by the above teams and The Chief Engineer was entrusted to review the same on the next day of the circle meeting and the State Core group to conduct review of the same on the next day of the Chief Engineer meeting.

In the meeting held on 15.05.2025 convened by Director (Distribution and SCM), Director (Finance) instructed to entrust the Accounts Officer RAO cell of each Electrical Circle as the nodal officer for the respective circle for OTS - 2025 scheme. It was suggested that similar to OTS - 2023 scheme, the Deputy Chief Engineer of Electrical Circle may be directed to conduct weekly meeting to review the progress made by offices under the electrical circle and the Chief Engineer may be entrusted to review the same on the next day of the circle meeting and the State Core group to conduct review of the same on the next day of the Chief Engineer meeting.

The matter was placed before the Full Time directors as per note read as 7th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 28.05.2025 passed the following resolutions.

- a. Resolved to settle the arrears in respect to the Cable TV operators in similar terms & conditions as per the approved OTS-2025 scheme.
- b. Further resolved to receive the application for the same at the concerned Electrical Division and then forwarded to the Electrical Circle for settlement.
- c. Further resolved to entrust the Deputy Chief Engineers of all Electrical Circles to settle the arrears without limit in similar terms and conditions as per the OTS-2025 scheme.
- d. Further resolved to entrust the the Accounts Officer RAO cell of each electrical circle as the nodal officer for the respective circle for OTS -2025 scheme.
- e. Further resolved to direct the Deputy Chief Engineer of Electrical Circle to conduct weekly meeting to review the progress made by offices under the Electrical Circle and to entrust the Chief Engineer to review the same on the next day of the circle meeting and the State Core group to conduct review of the same on the next day of the Chief Engineer meeting.

Orders are issued accordingly

By Order of Full Time Directors

Sd/-
LEKHA G
Company Secretary

To

- The Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs)
- The Deputy Chief Engineer (TRAC) i/c of Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff)
- The Chief Engineer Distribution (North/ North Malabar/Central/ South)
- The Financial Advisor
- Special Officer (Revenue)
- The Chief Internal Auditor/ Company Secretary
- The Public Relations Officer
- All Deputy Chief Engineers (Distribution)
- The Deputy Chief Engineer (TRAC)
- All Executive Engineers (Distribution)
- All Regional Audit Officers

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Assistant Executive Engineer