



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Finance Department-Implementation of Prepaid Smart Meters in Government Buildings - Utilisation of Electricity Duty available with Kerala State Electricity Board Limited for recharging prepaid smart meter accounts of Government consumers - Orders issued.

FINANCE (PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS-A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.22/2026/FIN

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20-02-2026

- Read :-
- 1) Letter No. PF-S/2025-26 dated 02.09.2025 from Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
 - 2) GO. (Ms)No.160/2025/FIN Dated 16-12-2025.
 - 3) Letter No.FA/ABP/59/2025/NETTING OFF dated 02.12.2025 from KSEBL
 - 4) Undertaking furnished by Government of Kerala and Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL) regarding installation of prepaid smart meters in Government buildings.
 - 5) DO No.FA/ABP/42/2025/Addl. Borrowing/2026 dtd 11.02.2026.
 - 6) Circular no.PWR-C2/249/2022-POWER dtd. 10.02.2026.

ORDER

Government of India, as per references read(1) above, has sanctioned additional borrowing limits to States subject to implementation of specified power sector reforms, including mandatory installation of prepaid smart meters in all Government buildings. Government of Kerala and Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL) have furnished an undertaking to implement prepaid smart meters in all Government buildings on or before 01.03.2026.

As part of the RDSS Scheme and the Additional Borrowing Scheme, it is reported that 1,72,992 prepaid smart meters are to be installed for Government Institutions, of which 1,71,429 have been installed as on 31.01.2026. KSEBL has assured that the remaining installations will be completed on or before 28.02.2026.

KSEBL has further reported that, for operationalisation of the prepaid smart metering system with effect from 01.03.2026, (i) all outstanding electricity dues up to 28.02.2026 are required to be settled, and (ii) adequate initial balance is to be credited to the prepaid accounts of State Government consumers to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

As per reference (2), Government had accorded sanction for netting off electricity dues of State Government consumers outstanding as on 30.09.2025 against Electricity Duty collected and retained by KSEBL, based on the details furnished by KSEBL vide reference (3).

Government after examining the matter in detail and, in order to ensure seamless transition to prepaid smart metering without disruption of electricity supply to State Government consumers, hereby issue the following orders:

i. Sanction is accorded to net off the entire electricity dues of State Government consumers outstanding as on 28.02.2026 against the Electricity Duty payable by KSEBL to Government.

ii. At the time of migration to prepaid smart metering, an amount equivalent to the average electricity charges for two months (calculated based on the previous six billing cycles) shall be credited to the prepaid account of each State Government consumer by utilising the Electricity Duty available with KSEBL.

iii. KSEBL shall fix a minimum threshold balance equivalent to 15 days' average consumption (based on the previous six billing cycles) for each State Government prepaid consumer account.

iv. Whenever the balance in a State Government consumer's prepaid account falls below the prescribed threshold, KSEBL shall automatically recharge the account utilising the Electricity Duty available with it.

v. Each such recharge shall be for an amount equivalent to the average two months' current charges, as specified in (ii) above.

vi. The above mechanism shall be continued for all State Government consumers to ensure that no disconnection of electricity supply occurs on account of insufficient prepaid balance in State Government Consumer's account.

vii. KSEBL shall maintain proper consumer-wise and department-wise accounts of Electricity Duty amounts utilised for recharging prepaid smart meters of State Government consumers.

viii. KSEBL shall furnish a quarterly statement to the Finance Department detailing:

- Department-wise and consumer-wise recharge amounts effected during the quarter;

- Electricity Duty collected during the quarter;
- Statement of Net Electricity Duty payable after adjusting recharge amounts and Section 65 subsidy, if any.

ix. A consolidated annual statement of department-wise electricity charges adjusted against Electricity Duty shall be disclosed in the Notes to Accounts forming part of the Audited Annual Financial Statements of KSEB Ltd.

x. KSEBL shall take immediate steps to operationalise the above arrangements in coordination with the concerned Departments and ensure strict adherence to the timelines committed to Government of India.

(By order of the Governor)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To

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3. Power (C) Department.
4. Finance (Planning A) Department,
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