

Circular No. 16/09

Sub:- Direct payment of Electricity charges by Police Dept. to Kerala State Electricity Board and cost of Police guards by KSEB to Police Dept – System of mutual adjustment dispensed with and direct payment system re-introduced with effect from 1.4.09 – Instructions issued –

Ref:- 1) PHQ Circular No.7/07 dtd 28.4.07.
2) GO(Rt)No.394/09/Fin dated 14.1.2009 communicated vide Endt. of even No. dtd 2.2.09.
3) Order BO(FM)No.733/09/CE(HRM)Police guards/08 dtd 16.3.09 of the Kerala State Electricity Board.

The regular payment of Electricity Charges of the buildings of Police Department had been stopped for the last several years. It had been decided at Govt level for the mutual adjustment of pending electricity charges and cost of guards provided by Police and orders were issued accordingly for the period up to 31.3.04. The mutual adjustment of dues from 1.4.04 was considered by Govt after detailed discussions with the Officials of KSEB and Police Department. It is decided to stop the system of mutual adjustment with effect from 1.4.09 onwards. As per the G O 2nd cited, the direct payment system has been re-introduced according to which the KSEB will pay the cost of guards to Police Dept directly and the Police Dept will credit the amount so received to the head of account "0055-00-102-98". The Police Dept will remit the Electricity charges direct to the KSEB by debit to the head of account 05-OE-2-Electricity charges under the concerned Minor/Sub heads under "2055 Police." The outstanding dues between KSEB and Police Dept till 31.3.09 will be settled in a time bound manner.

In the above circumstances the following instructions are issued for guidance and strict compliance by Unit Heads and Subordinate Offices.

- 1) Starting from 1.4.09, Police stations, Police offices etc will be billed like any other Consumer by the KSEB, ie, reading will be taken and bills given to the Officers concerned. Payment on such electricity bills will be promptly made

with in the due date by the concerned by incurring expenditure from the budget allotment. Payment of interest/surcharge etc on account of belated payment of bill will not be allowed from Govt account under any circumstance. The Subordinate Officers should verify and ensure that interest/surcharge etc for the period prior to 1.4.09 are not included in the electricity bills they receive after 1.4.09.

- (2) As there had been no payment of electricity charges for the last several years, the trend of actual expenditure is not known and the provisions made in the Budget 2009-10, may not be sufficient to meet the expenditure till 31.3.2010. If the funds are found inadequate during the course of the year, based on the trend of actual expenditure, the Unit Heads should foresee the requirement of additional funds under electricity charges well in advance and take up with Police Headquarters for obtaining additional funds from Government.
- (3) The units concerned which are providing police guard to the vital installations of KSEB should furnish Bills of Cost for the period up to 31.3.09 to Police Headquarters on or before 10.4.09 so as to finalise the liability up to 31.3.09 and to take up the matter with KSEB for settlement.
- (4) The Bill of Cost with effect from 1.4.09 should be furnished to PHQrs regularly on a quarterly basis and the bill for every quarter should reach on or before 5th of the succeeding quarter, ie, before 5th July, 5th October, 5th January and 5th April. Utmost care should be given to prepare the Bill of Cost and its accuracy should be ensured so as to avoid delay in realizing the amount from the KSEB.
- (5) Regarding the settlement of liabilities for the last several years, the KSEB has raised many objections. One major issue is that there is huge variation in the current charges computed by the Dept and the KSEB. The current charges computed by KSEB is far higher than the amount computed by the

Dept. As per Circular No.7/07 dated 28.4.07, PHQs had prescribed a format to furnish details of current charges to PHQs on a quarterly basis. Scrutiny of the quarterly statement received from units shows that most of the units did not pay due attention to prepare the statement correctly. Certain units fail to fill up all columns in the statement which often creates difficulties in computing the actual current charges payable excluding interest/surcharge etc. The Dept needs the actual current charges and interest/surcharge separately for ordering the adjustment of dues mutually.

In the circumstance all Unit Heads are directed to furnish consumer number wise consolidated statement of pending current charges for the period from 1.4.06 to 31.3.09 in the following Proforma so as to reach Police Headquarters on or before 10.4.09.

Proforma

Sl.No.	Consumer No.	Name of Building/ office	Period	Total Bill amount	Surcharge/ penal interest/ arrears etc.	Actual current charge payable (5-6)	Addl cash Deposit, if any	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

The above instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

Director General of Police