



# KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956) CIN:U40100KL2011SGC027424

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## Abstract

Ease of Doing Business – Dispensing with the practice of affixing Special Adhesive Stamp in Application for new LT Service Connections – Sanctioned – Orders issued

### **Corporate Office (Corporate Planning)**

**BO (FTD) No. 141/2021 (No CP/Plg.III/EoDB /2021) Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18.02.2021**

- Read: 1. Letter No KSEB / TRAC/Supply Code/R2/14/1160 dtd 24.10.2014 of the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) addressed Secretary, KSERC
2. Letter No.2075/C(C&S)/KSERC/2014 dtd 08.04.2016 of the Secretary, KSERC
3. Service Connection Application (English & Malayalam versions) for LT connections for Connected Load based billing
4. Note No CP/Plg.III/EoDB /2021/181 dated 28.01.2021 of Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer
5. Note No LA&DEO/R/08/2021/22 dated 06.02.2021 of the LA&DEO
6. Note No CP/Plg.III/EoDB /2021 dated 15.02.2021 of the Director (Planning & Safety) placed before the Full Time Director on meeting dated 17.02.2021 (Agenda No 60/2/21)

## ORDER

Considering the request from KSEB Ltd, the KSERC, as per letter read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above, had exempted agreement for Connected Load based LT Service Connections. Presently special adhesive stamp of value ₹200/- is being affixed by the applicants in case of LT applicants falling under Connected Load based billing category (these consumers were also having the option to give undertaking separately in non-judicial stamp paper worth ₹200/- to address scarcity of adhesive stamp in certain area). For all Demand Based consumers (under EHT, HT & LT categories) service connection agreements are executed in stamp paper.

KSEB Ltd has taken many proactive steps to ensure Ease of Doing Business and consumer satisfaction. In normal case, KSEB Ltd releases service connections based on 2 documents – proofs of identity of the applicant and ownership of the premises. KSEB Ltd has also enabled online facilities and service@doorstep to ensure hazard free services and is moving towards paper-less office concept. It is noted that requirement of affixing special adhesive stamp in application is one major bottleneck now being faced by the prospective consumers.

The LA&DEO, as per note 5th above pointed out that as per the provisions of Kerala Stamp Act, 1959, the documents mentioned in the schedule of the Act alone are mandatorily subjected to stamping. It is further stated that as the Service Connection Application in the present format is not considered as an agreement but in the form of an undertaking, it will not legally attract the stamp duty as stipulated in Kerala Stamp Act, 1959.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 6<sup>th</sup> above.

After considering the facts that the State Regulatory Commission has dispensed with service connection agreement for Connected Load based LT consumers, and there is only a self-declaration by the applicant in the application form and that dispensing with affixing of special adhesive stamp will considerably enhance Ease of Doing Business, the meeting of the Full Time Directors on 17.02.2021 resolved to dispense with the practice of insisting on affixing special adhesive stamp in the case of new LT Connected Load Based service connection applications.

It was further resolved that in the case of new Contract Demand Based billing connections, the present practice of executing Service Connection Agreement in non-judicial stamp paper shall be continued.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By order of the Full Time Directors

**Sd/-**

Lekha G

**Company Secretary I/C**

To The Chief Engineers (Distribution) / (IT&CR)

Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles / Executive Engineers of Electrical Divisions

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