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No: CN/15537/09/HRD(1)



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CIRCULAR

Sub: - IHRD- Electricity charges - Tariff category revised by KSEB - Request rejected by Government - directions- reg.

Ref: - (1) Circular No. KSEBL/TRAC/Tariff Revision/2019-2020/230 dated 11.07.2019 of the Kerala State Electricity Board

(2) Letter no. No. J1/241/2019/HEDN dated 12.11.2020 from the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education (J) Dept

Based on the request of IHRD, Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission had earlier ordered that the tariff of LT-VI (A) General category is applicable to educational institutions run by IHRD and accordingly KSEB had been demanding electricity charges as per the LT-VI (A) tariff category for all institutions under IHRD. But afterwards, vide ref (1) cited, KSEB has issued a Circular in which the tariff category for educational institutions run by autonomous bodies under that of IHRD and LBS has been changed to LT VI (F) General from LT VI (A) General, with effect from 08.07.2019 . Several institutions under IHRD have reported that the KSEB authorities are claiming arrears of electricity charges as per the new revision in the tariff category. IHRD has then approached the Government requesting to retain the earlier tariff category to IHRD institutions . But Government vide ref (5) above, have informed that the tariff determination in the State is vested with the State Electricity Regulatory Commission and the State Government has no legitimate role in the tariff reform process and hence our request cannot be considered. Accordingly the State Electricity Regulatory Commission has been requested to retain the earlier tariff category applicable to our institutions.

This being the present situation, the Heads of all institutions under IHRD are directed to approach the respective KSEB offices requesting for permission to remit the arrears of electricity charges, if any, claimed by KSEB owing to the new revision in the tariff category, in reasonable number of instalments. The Head of Institution shall also verify and ensure the correctness of the claim before remitting the amount.

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Sd/-**DIRECTOR**

The Heads of all institutions under IHRD

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Higher Education (J)Department 12/11/2020,Thiruvananthapuram

No.J1/241/2019/HEDN

From

The Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Director, IHRD, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub: IHRD - Tariff category revised by KSEB - Request to retain the earlier Tariff - Reg.

Ref: 1. Your Letter No. CN/15537/09/HRD dated 29/08/2019 11/12/2019

2. Government Letter of even no. dated 26/11/2019.

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to inform you that KSERC after examining the matter, issued order stating that the educational institutions run by the autonomous bodies under the State Government cannot be extended the benefit of tariff of Government/Aided institutions. Accordingly the IHRD institutions also were excluded from the LT VIA tariff while issuing the present tariff order dated 11.07.2019 by the KSERC and thus is now billed under LT VI F tariff, applicable to the self financing institutions. KSEB Ltd being a licensee regulated by the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission has complied with the directions of the commission.

I am also to inform you that tariff determination in the state is vested with the State Electricity Regulatory Commission under section 62 & 86 of the Electricity Act 2003. The State Government has no legitimate role in the tariff reform process. Hence your request to retain earlier tariff category cannot be considered.

Yours Faithfully, SREEKALAS

DEPUTY SECRETARY

For Principal Secretary to Government.

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