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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Sub: KWA- Ease of doing business - Simplifying procedure of Water Connection - Elimination of stamp paper for joint ownership - orders issued.

No. KWA-JB/4404/2024-LDC VI(IT)

Dated:24-07-2024

- Read: 1. Order No: KWA/JB/DBA/14707/2017 dated 20.02.2019 of MD, KWA.
2. Resolution No: 10799 taken in the 407th meeting of KWA held on 28.11.2018.

ORDER

Government of India has been ranking states based on Ease of Doing Business and also in getting timely clearances. The States had been ranked based on the parameters in the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) that include ease in setting up business, dealing with construction permits, registration of property, labour compliance, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, infrastructure availability, finance and tax issues, inspection reforms, commercial e-courts and ease in existing business.

Government of Kerala has directed KSIDC to reform the existing rules and Acts related to clearance procedures for starting an enterprise under the "Ease of doing Business" initiative in Kerala. Based on the recommendations of the study, it was decided to integrate the payment mechanism of the concerned Departments/agencies with the proposed online mechanism to simplify and speedup the issue of clearances in the state. Government has also directed Kerala Water Authority to submit proposals for simplifying the procedure for obtaining new water connection and making the whole process transparent. KSIDC has proposed that Kerala Water Authority has to simplify the process for obtaining

water connections and publish the related rules and references in KWA Website.

Kerala Water Authority was asked to design and implement an integrated system that allows online application submission, payment, tracking and monitoring without the need for a physical touchpoint for document submission and verification so that all applications are submitted online for new water connection service.

The Authority, vide resolution 10591 dated 27.09.2017 had resolved to amend the water supply regulations in tune with the system of online application and simplify connection procedure. The Authority vide resolution referred as read (2) resolved to approve the procedural modification suggested and directed to issue a proceedings for replacing the agreement with the said undertaking, till the regulation is amended suitably.

As per read referred as (1) & (2) above, orders were issued that an undertaking is only required from the applicant for obtaining new water connection instead of agreement in Stamp paper.

In the view of the above, while applying for a new water/ sewer connection, an undertaking in a plain paper is only required along with the documents specified instead of consent from the parties involved in Rs. 200 stamp paper, in case of joint ownership of the premises, or when the connection line is to be laid through another property.

Hence, order is hereby issued for replacing the agreement with an undertaking, in plain paper till the regulations are amended suitably.

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