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PART I

Section iv



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Irrigation (WS-C) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 65/98/lr. D. Thiruvananthapuram, 20th June 1998.

S. R. O. No. 750/98.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (g), (h) and (i) of sub-section (2) of section 65 of the Kerala Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1986 (14 of 1986) and with the previous approval of the Government as required by sub-section (1) of the said section conveyed in G. O. (Ms) No. 318/91/LAD dated 4-12-1991 the Kerala Water Authority hereby make the following Regulations further to amend the Kerala Water Authority (Water Supply) Regulations, 1991, namely :—

REGULATIONS

1. *Short title and commencement*.—(i) These Regulations may be called the Kerala Water Authority (Water Supply) Amendment Regulations, 1997.

(ii) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Regulations*.—In the Kerala Water Authority (Water Supply) Regulations, 1991.

(i) In regulation 2, after clause (h), the following shall be inserted, namely :—

“(hh) ‘industrial connection’ means the connection provided from the main to a premises to supply water for manufacturing process which includes a Motor Vehicle Service Station, Printing Press, Laundry and where water is used as part of such manufacturing process and includes usage for air conditioning, refrigeration, washing and cleaning of the premises”.

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(ii) in regulation 5, —

(a) In clause (c) in items (i) and (ii) for the letters and figures "Rs. 250" and "Rs. 500" the letters and figures "Rs. 500" and "Rs. 1000" shall respectively be substituted; (b) for clause (e) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(e) Notwithstanding anything contained in the above regulations, applicants seeking casual connections shall deposit an amount equal to the cost of 2.5 kilo litres of water for each square meter of the plinth area of the building proposed to be constructed at the premises at prevailing non-domestic rates for such level of consumption for which the casual connection is applied for subject to a maximum of Rs. 20,000".

(iii) in regulation 9, for clause (a) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(a) Whenever the owner or occupier desires to have his house connection closed temporarily for a minimum period of three months and a maximum period of twelve months, he may apply in form No. RA4 to the Assistant Executive Engineer along with an application fee of Rs. 15 and disconnection fee of Rs. 50. The applicant shall remit all the sums due from him to the Authority on account of meter hire, water charges, meter service charges penalties, etc., before applying for the temporary disconnection."

(iv) in regulation 10, —

(a) in clause (a) after the words "for a limited period" the following words and figures shall be added, namely:—

"Not exceeding 1 year. This can be renewed annually on payment of a fee of Rs. 250".

(b) in clause (d), for the words "non-domestic connection" the words "non-domestic/industrial connection" shall be substituted.

(c) in clause (e) for the words "non-domestic" the words and symbols "non-domestic/industrial" shall be substituted.

(d) in clause (f) for the words "non-domestic" the words and symbol "non-domestic/permanent industrial" shall be substituted.

(e) in clause (h) for the words "non-domestic connection" the words "or industrial connection" shall be added at the end;

(v) in regulation 12, —

(a) for clause (b) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(b) In the case of all types of connection, the meter at the premises shall be provided by the consumer. Where, however, the meter has already been provided by the Authority, the hire charges for such meters

(b) in clause (c), for the words "Applicants for the water supply connection shall have the choice to install their own meter at their premises provided the meter is having the words, "The meter installed as provided in clause (a) shall be substituted; (c) in clause (e), for the words and figures, "when a meter provided by the owner or occupier goes out of order the same shall be got replaced or repaired, as the case may be, within a period of 30 days of the report of the damage by the Assistant Executive Engineer, at the cost of the owner or occupier" the words symbols and figures, "when a meter provided by the owner/occupier of the premises, goes out of order, the same shall, within 30 days of report of the damage by the Assistant Executive Engineer, be repaired or replaced by the owner or occupier of the premises at his own cost. In case of default a surcharge at the rate of 25% on the monthly water charges, as fixed in accordance with clause (b) of regulation 13, for the first month after the expiry of the period of notice, 50% for the next 2 months and 100% beyond that period shall also be levied. In case of continued default the Assistant Executive Engineer shall have the power to disconnect the water supply to the premises without further notice", shall be substituted ;

(d) in clause (f), for the words "and where the facility for servicing the meter provided by the Authority, towards servicing charges of meters", the words "towards meter inspection charges" shall be substituted.

(vi) in regulation 13, in clause (b) after the last sentence the following shall be added, namely:—

"Duplicate copy of Provisional Invoice Card/Meter Card or such records may be issued by the Authority for purposes of recording meter reading, billing and collection on request by the consumer, after charging a fee of Rs. 10. Such duplicate copies shall be issued by the Assistant Executive Engineer concerned".

(vii) in regulation 14, in clause (b), for the letter, figures and word "Rs. 1000 month" the figure/symbol and words "2% of the outstanding charges for every month" shall be substituted;

(viii) in regulation 17, —

(a) in clause (b) for the words, "the Assistant Executive Engineer shall arrange to get the meter repaired or replaced. The cost of such repair or replacement shall be borne by the Authority if the meter found defective was provided at the cost of the Authority. In all other cases, the cost of repair or replacement shall be borne by the owner or occupier," the words "the Assistant Executive Engineer shall direct the consumer to get the meter repaired or replaced. The cost of such repair or replacement shall be borne by the owner or occupier" shall be substituted,

(b) in clause (c), for the words, "shall have the meter repaired or replaced at the cost of the owner or occupier if the above meter was provided at the cost of the owner or occupier. If the meter found

defective was originally provided at the cost of the Authority, the cost of repair or replacement shall be borne by the Authority" the words, "shall direct the consumer to repair or replace the meter at the cost of the owner or occupier," shall be substituted ;

(c) in clause (d), after the words "within 20 days of the date of receipt of the bill prepared as above the following words, figures and symbol shall be inserted, namely :—

"The consumer shall deposit 50% of the demanded amount before filing the appeal. This shall be adjusted in future water charges, if the water charges so paid are found to be in excess."

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