

18. STREET LIGHTS

18.16 Buildings constructed by RD & PR Department and used by other Departments – Grant of NOC for applying to TNEB for electricity connection

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS-I) Department

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Read :

1. Government Letter No.36657/SGS-IV/2007-1, dated 22.11.07
2. From the DRD & PR D.O. Letter No.86993/2007,PRI 1(1) dated 10.12.2007

ORDER

In his letter second read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that various categories of buildings are constructed by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department through Centrally sponsored & State funded schemes, for usage by the rural local bodies including Panchayat offices, Library Buildings and Community Halls. The electrification and payment of current consumption charges for such buildings is the responsibility of the rural Local Body concerned. The buildings used by other departments include School Buildings, PDS Shops, Noon Meal Centers, VAO office buildings, Health Sub Centres, Kitchen Sheds, Milk producers' Co-operative Society buildings, etc. The electrification and payment of current consumption charges for such buildings should be the responsibility of the user department concerned on the 'user should pay' principle. Only then, the user department will bring in economy in the usage of electricity. The Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions are predominantly not in financially strong position to pay for the current charges of the buildings used by other departments. He has further stated that Government have permitted Co-operative Societies and the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation to undertake the necessary internal wiring in the PDS Shop buildings constructed by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, and may apply to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for electricity connection in their name and at their own expense and also pay the recurring current charges for such electricity connections from out of their own funds without any financial commitment to the Village Panchayats. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government orders on the same lines that all departments which use the buildings constructed by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (School buildings, Noon Meal Centers, VAO Office buildings, Health Sub Centers, Kitchen sheds, Milk Producers Co-operative Society buildings, etc.,) may be requested to provide internal wiring for such buildings and apply to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for electricity connection in their name and at their expense and also pay the recurring current charges for such electricity connection from out of their own funds without any financial commitment to the Village Panchayats. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also requested the Government to issue a blanket 'No Objection Certificate' in this regard.

2. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj carefully and issue the following orders:-

A blanket 'No Objection Certificate' is hereby granted to all user Departments to do internal electrical wiring in the existing buildings constructed by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department but used by other Departments and to apply for electricity connection to TNEB after paying the necessary deposits and charges. The user Departments shall pay the recurring current consumption charges to TNEB. There shall not be any financial commitment to the rural Local Bodies whatsoever.

For future buildings, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department shall endeavour to provide the internal electrical wiring also before handing over the same to user departments. The other conditions listed above shall hold good.

(By order of the Governor)

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