

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.DE 15 PSR 2001 DATED 18.4.2001

In the circumstances explained in the Preamble, Government is pleased to approve the following:

1. Detailed Operational Plan of KPTCL for metering of its unmetered consumer installations appended to this Order is approved subject to the following conditions:
 - i. KPTCL shall take expeditious action for floating of tender call notice for supply and fixing of meters and associated equipment for metering of streetlight points as indicated in the action plan.
 - ii. KPTCL shall also make necessary arrangements for meter reading and billing of IP sets, as per the KERC Tariff Order-2000 dated 18.12.2000 duly taking into account the subsidy granted by the Government of Karnataka by its Notification dated 2.2.2001/23.3.2001.
 - iii. KPTCL shall also make arrangements for meter reading and billing of Bhagyajyothi Installations under LT-1 (a) upto one bulb, and LT-1 (b) category for more than one bulb users, subject to observance of usual formalities.
 - iv. In respect of items (2) and (3) mentioned above, KPTCL shall observe the tender formalities, for carrying out the job through contract agencies. This is essential since meter reading, billing and consequential expenses are of recurring nature.
 - v. After finalization of rates for meter reading and billing of BJ and IP sets, KPTCL shall seek the approval of Government for loan assistance from the Financial Institutions, separately.
 - vi. KPTCL shall enter into MoU with CPRI Bangalore for carrying out relevant test as per ISS on sample three-phase and single-phase meters within two weeks period with a view to squeeze technical and commercial evaluation from 90 days to 45 days so as to expedite the meter installation work.
 - vii. The investment programme and costs on this account shall be within the overall provisions and annual financial support from the Government of Karnataka envisaged in the FRP, to the power sector.
 - viii. KPTCL may avail loan assistance from PFC/REC for the investment as proposed, for which other alternative lending mechanism without use of the Government guarantee would have to be explored to the extent of Government Guarantee not available.