

Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

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ABSTRACT

Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety & Electric Supply) Regulations 2010 –Implementation of regulations pertaining to certificate of competency, work permit, contract license etc – award of contract to unlicensed contractors - furnishing statement of facts- Sanctioned -Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

B.O(FTD)No.199/2022(D(D&IT)/D1/Safety/General/2016-17/0001)Dated,Tvpm 18.03.2022

Read :

- 1. Government Letter No. 6943/B2/98/PD dated 03/08/1999.
- 2. BO(FTD)No.3446/2016(D(D&S)/D1/Safety/2016-17/0001) dated 07/12/2016.
- 3. Letter dated 03/01/2018 from the Chairman & Managing Director to the Principal Secretary, Power Department.
- Letter No. D(D&IT)/D1/ Safety/ General/2016 2017/ 0001/517/22/10/2020 of the Director (Distribution & IT) to the Government.
- 5. Note No.LA II.1606/2022 dated 21/02/2022 of the Senior Law Officer.
- 6. Note No.D(D&IT)/D1/Safety/General/2016-2017/0001 dated 24.02.2022 of the Director (Distribution & IT) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda no.45/3/22).

<u>ORDER</u>

The Government as per letter read as 1st above had directed KSEB to entrust maintenance works only to those persons authorised by the Kerala State Licensing Board to carry out such works, as envisaged under Rule 45 of Indian Electricity Rules 1956. Several field officers expressed difficulties faced in implementing this decision, pointing out the dearth of licensed contractors for carrying out essential works which adversely affected the successful and time bound implementation of various schemes. On request from KSEBL, the Government, granted time extension till 31/3/2017 for implementing this decision and as per order read as 2nd above, KSEBL directed to ensure that only licensed contractors are entrusted with works after 31st March 2017. Several petty contractors and line workers objected to this decision and appealed that the existing system of carrying out works by contractors with experience under the

supervision of the Board staff be continued and that they may be allowed to register under the Deputy Chief Engineers for getting license.

Based on the concerns from the field officers, the Chairman & Managing Director as per letter read as 3rd above requested the Government to grant relaxation for existing contractors without compromising safety and to have stringent norms for new licensees.

Based on the recommendations from the Distribution Core Committee and the Chief Safety Commissioner, the matter was taken up with Government as per letter read as 4th above pointing to the GO dated 10.01.1959 and requesting to issue a notification in accordance with the proviso to Regulation 29 (1) of the Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety & Electric Supply) Regulations 2010, exempting the Kerala State Electricity Board Limited from the requirement of executing works by a licensed electrical contractor, under the supervision of a person holding a certificate of competency and by a person holding a permit issued or recognized by the State Government.

The Senior Law Officer, as per note read as 5th above has furnished a writ petition filed by Sri Noushik K T and others before the High Court of Kerala challenging award of contracts to unlicensed contractors and seeking directions to the KSEBL officials not to allow any persons other than licensed electrical contractors to submit bids notified by way of e-tenders/ tenders by KSEBL and its officials as mandated under the Kerala State Electricity Licensing Board Rules 2020 and the provisions of the CEA (Measures Relating to Safety & Electric Supply) Regulations 2010.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 6th above seeking directions in furnishing statement of facts in the writ petition filed by Sri.Noushik K T.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors, in the meeting held on 09.03.2022 resolved to accord sanction to prepare statement of facts in line with the letter forwarded to the Government requesting to notify in accordance with the proviso to Reg 29(1) of CEA (Measures Relating to Safety & Electric Supply) Regulations 2010), exempting KSEBL from the requirement of executing works by a licensed electrical contractor, under the supervision of a person holding a certificate of competency and by a person holding a permit issued or recognized by the State Government, invoking provisions of regulation 116.

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Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/-

Lekha G.

Company Secretary In Charge

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The Legal Adviser & Disciplinary Enquiry Officer, KSEBL

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The Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs) The TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ The TA to Director (Distribution& IT/ Transmission-System Operation/Generation-Electrical/ Planning,Safety&Supply Chain Management/ Generation-Civil/REES, SOURA,Sports&Welfare) The Company Secretary The RCAO/ECA, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom/ The Legal Liaison Officer The PA to Director (Finance) / Senior C.A. to Secretary (Administration) Fair Copy Section / Library / Stock File.

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Assistant Executive Engineer