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ਵਿਸ਼ਾ: **A.P. Policy-Guidelines for release of Agricultural Pump Set Connections in the State of Punjab for the year 2012-13.**

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਾਲ 2012-13 ਦੌਰਾਨ ਰਾਜ ਵਿਚ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਟਿਊਬਵੈਲ ਕੁਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਏ.ਪੀ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ/ਗਾਈਡਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਦੀ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਸਕੱਤਰ/ਪਾਵਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਮੀਮੇ ਨੰ: 1/33/08-ਈਬੀ(ਪੀ.ਆਰ)/533 ਮਿਤੀ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 26 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2012 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF POWER
(Power Reforms Wing)

To

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,
Patiala.

Memo.No.1/33/08-EB (PR)/ 533
Dated, Chandigarh, the 26 November, 2012

Subject: - AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab for the year 2012-13.

Please refer to your office Memo.No.405/ਸੈਸਐਸਐਮ/414/ਟਿ.ਬ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ 2012-13 dated 24.5.2012, Memo.No.457/ਸੈਸਐਸਐਮ/414/ਟਿ.ਬ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ 2012-13 dated 1.6.2012, Memo.No.601/ਸੈਸਐਸਐਮ/414/ਟਿ.ਬ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ 2012-13 dated 7.7.2012, Memo.No.405/ਸੈਸਐਸਐਮ/414/ਟਿ.ਬ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ 2012-13 dated 24.5.2012 and Memo.No.755/ਸੈਸਐਸਐਮ/414/ਟਿ.ਬ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ 2012-13 dated 11.9.2012 on the subject cited above.

- The "AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab" for the year 2012-13 has been approved by the State Government and a copy of the same is enclosed for necessary action at your end for its implementation.
- The "AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab" for the year 2012-13 may also put on the website of PSPCL and given wide publicity for information of the public and AP consumers.

Endst.No. 1/33/08-EB (PR)/ 534 Dated 26-11-2012
A copy of the above alongwith a copy of the "AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab" for the year 2012-13 as approved by the State Government is forwarded to Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chandigarh.

Endst.No. 1/33/08-EB (PR)/ 535 Dated 26-11-2012
A copy of the above is forwarded to M.D., Punjab Infotech, Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17, Chandigarh alongwith a copy of the "AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab" for the year 2012-13. Soft copy of the AP Policy has also been e-mailed to his office

Special Secretary, Power

AP POLICY- GUIDELINES FOR RELEASE OF ELECTRIC CONNECTIONS TO AGRICULTURE PUMP SETS IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB FOR THE YEAR 2012-13

1. Preamble

Clause 5.3 (i) of the Electricity Supply Code notified by the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission provides that the State Government may for reasons of ecology, inadequate ground water potential, declining water table or any other reasons decide the number of Agricultural Pump sets (AP) connections and the manner in which these are to be released each year in the State or part thereof. The said Regulations further provide that the State Government may for this purpose draw up guidelines to provide for priorities to be assigned in release of such connections.

Accordingly, the Government of Punjab hereby lays down Policy Guidelines to regulate release of Electric Connections to Agriculture Pump Sets in the State as under:-

2. Present Status:

i) Punjab is predominantly an agrarian State having 85% of its geographical area under cultivation with an average cropping intensity of 189%. Water is the only natural resource available and the state is devoid of any other mineral or natural resource. Punjab's agriculture being highly intensive is dependent on heavy requirement of water. The present cropping pattern and the efforts to increase the productivity of food grains have led to immense strain on irrigation system due to limited surface water resources, which are grossly inadequate to meet our own requirements and is causing stress on ground water resources. Due to wheat-rice cropping pattern in major cultivated area of State, the dependency on ground water has enormously increased. This is evident from the increase in the number of Tubewells from 0.19 million in 1970-71 to 1.398 million on 31.12.2011. Punjab has, therefore, to depend upon Tubewell irrigation to a large extent and 73% of its requirement for agriculture sector is being met with from ground water resources and only 27% from its surface water resources.

As per latest Dynamic Ground Water Estimation Report of Punjab State as on 31.3.2009 out of 138 blocks of the State taken for study, 110 blocks are over exploited, 03 are critical, 02 are semi-critical & 23 are in safe category. The net ground water availability is 20,34,922 Ham (20.35 bcm) and total draft is 34,66,117 Ham (34.66 bcm). The net ground water availability for future irrigation development in the State is negative i.e. -14,57,475 Ham (-14.57 bcm). The block-wise ground water development varies from minimum 20% in Dhar Kalan (Gurdaspur District) to maximum of 409% in Patran (Patiala District). The stage of development for whole State has been worked out as 170%.

Keeping in view the alarming situation of over exploitation of ground water as described above, there is an urgent need to formulate guidelines for release of electricity connections for agriculture pump sets.

ii) Of the total irrigated area of the State, 73% is irrigated by Tubewells. There are 14 lac. (approximately) Tubewells presently installed in the State and of these 11,57,908 as on 31.12.2011 are operated with electricity connections provided by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). The number of Tubewell connections released during the last nine years are as under: -

2003-04	22886
2004-05	31212
2005-06	17422
2006-07	39523
2007-08	11058
2008-09	50791
2009-10	72653
2010-11	36087
2011-12	15115

iii) The Status of pending Tubewell applications and pending Test Reports as on 31.03.2012 as per the information supplied by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited is as under: -

	Pending Tubewell applications (a+b+c+d)	366757
a)	i) Pending Tubewell applications of marginal farmers with land holding upto 2.5 acres.	52243

	ii) Pending Tubewell applications of marginal farmers with land holding more than 2.5 acres and upto 5 acres	69442
b)	No. of cases where Demand Notice have been issued but Test Reports are awaited.	14901
c)	Application registered upto 31.12.1991, to whom Demand Notices are yet to be issued.	18890
d)	Pending Test Report (as on 31.3.2012)	
(i)	Priority Categories	
a)	Drip/Micro Sprinkler System	2468
b)	Gram Panchayat	438
c)	Religious Institutions	84
d)	Chairman Discretionary Quota	307
e)	Sem Area Priority	6052
f)	PWRM & DC	1
g)	Land across international Border Fencing	320
h)	Kandi Area	585
i)	Priority across River Ravi	103
j)	Family Partition to each legal heir	239
k)	Ex-Serviceman	2812
l)	Land Acquired by the Punjab Government	56
m)	Priority to the Members of Scheduled Caste	9
n)	Gallantry Awardees	0
o)	Martyrs of Kargil War/ Operation Rakshak in J&K	0
p)	Common Tubewell connection alongside canal/ Distributaries	0
q)	Harijan Farmer Co-operative Society	22
r)	Other Priorities	146
	Total:	13642
(ii)	General Category (Except land holding upto 5 Acre).	5893
(iii)	Marginal farmers having land holdings upto 5 Acres	921
	Total:	6814

3.0 Policy Guidelines:

3.1 The State Government would fix the target for release of AP connection for each year. The total number of AP connections to be released by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited in a year will not exceed the target fixed by the State Government.

For the year 2012-13, the proposed target is fixed as 25000 AP connections. Further, in order to clear the backlog of General Category applications pending since long, 50000 additional connections under ARTC scheme were proposed to be released on priority through outsourcing/departmentally in view of the financial constraints of PSPCL during 2011-12 as per guidelines/policy approved by the State Government. The connections under this priority category could not be released during the year 2011-12 due to imposition of Model Code of Conduct from last week of December, 2011 to the first week of March, 2012 in the State of Punjab. As such this scheme will be continued during the year 2012-13 also.

3.2 Of the total 25,000 AP connections and 50,000 additional connections under ARTC Scheme to be released in 2012-13 as per the target fixed, the category-wise break-up shall be as under :-

a) General Category	60%	(15000 Nos.)
b) Priority Categories	30 %	(7500 Nos.)
c) Providing connection under ARTC priority over and above (a & b)	90% of total ARTC connections	(45000 Nos.)
d) Chairman's Discretionary Quota	10% of (25000+50000)=7500 Nos.	

3.3 Release of Connections :

It will be ensured that the Tubewell connections will be released as per ratio indicated below:-

A) General Category [3.2 (a) above]:

- i) Applicants having land : 60% of 15000 No. as per 3.2 (a) holding upto 2.5 Acre and above i. e. 9000 No. without any Tubewell Connection.

- ii) Applicants having land : 20% of 15000 No. as per 3.2 (a) holding more than 2.5 Acre above i.e. 3000 No. and upto 5 Acre without any Tubewell Connection.
- iii) Balance General Category : 20% of 15000 No. as per 3.2 (a) Applicants. above i.e. 3000 No.

NOTE: It will be ensured that if any applicant covered under 3.3 A (ii) above has submitted Test Report after any applicant covered under 3.3 A (i) above, the applicant covered under 3.3 A(ii) above will be released connection after the connections to all the Senior applicants under 3.3 A (i) are released. Similarly, if any, applicant covered under 3.3 A (iii) above has submitted Test Report after any applicant covered under 3.3 A (i & ii) above, the applicant covered under 3.3 A (iii) above will be released connection after the connections to all the Senior applicants under 3.3 A (i & ii) are released.

- B)** Following Priority Categories and total pendency (No. of applications + No. of Demand Notice issued and : 30% (7500 No.) Test Reports awaited + No. of Test Reports pending) as on 31.3.2012:-

Sr. No.	Name of Priority Category	Total Pendency
i)	Land Across International Border Fencing Priority.	759
ii)	Kandi Area (10 BHP and above Submersible Pumps only).	2185
iii)	Priority Across the River Ravi.	263
iv)	Priority under Family Partition.	592
v)	Ex-Serviceman Priority.	6056
vi)	Priority of Members of Scheduled Caste	469
	TOTAL:	10324

In view of the above pendency cut-off date for issuance of Demand Notice will remain un-changed i.e. 31.12.2010.

3.3.1 The Tubewell connections to be released under different priorities i.e. Chairman's discretionary quota, Drip/ Micro Sprinkler System Gram Panchayats/ Religious Institutions (including Gashala) and Sem Area, Release of Common Tubewell Connection on priority for irrigation of land

alongside of canal/ distributaries, Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation Limited Tubewell Connection, Land Owners/ Oustees whose lands are acquired by the Government of Punjab, Harijan Farmer Co-operative Society and Accelerated Release of Tubewell Connection (ARTC) for General Category applicants will have overriding priority without any cut-off date and may be released through outsourcing/departmentally. To encourage saving of ground water resources, Tubewell Connection under Drip/ Micro Sprinkler System category will have the top most priority over all other priority categories for release of electricity connection. Tubewell connection under Gram Panchayat priority in the name of Gram Panchayat may also be released in the Mushtarkha Malkana land managed by Gram Panchayat. Release of these priority Tubewell connections will be over and above the fixed target of 25000. Tubewell connection to be released in the name of Nagar Panchayat, Nagar Council, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee and Notified Area Committee will also be covered under Gram Panchayat Priority.

3.3.2 In general Category Queue, it will be ensured that 80% of Tubewell connections are released to the eligible small and marginal farmers having total land holding upto 5 Acres and without any Tubewell Connection in the State.

3.3.3 All the priority Applications/Test Reports already received under any other priority category except those indicated above will be transferred to General Category queue and the seniority of pending AP Applications/Test Reports received in any other priority categories except those indicated above, will be determined on the basis of date of receipt of application for issue of Demand Notice and date of receipt of Test Report for release of connection under General Category queue.

3.3.4 Cut off date for issue of Demand Notice/ Release of Connection:

Keeping in view the pendency of AP applications, Test Reports and availability of material, PSPCL will decide the cut off dates for issue of Demand Notice and release of connection on the basis of receipt of application and Test Report respectively against General Category and Priority Categories.

3.4 Release of all new AP connections under HVDS:

All new Tubewell connections, whether of General Category or of Priority Categories, will be released under HVDS by installing individual Transformers of appropriate capacities with less LT i.e limit of LT to be 200 mtrs. including cable.

Besides above, the use of minimum BEE 4 Star labelled and ISI Marked Motor Pump Sets and accessories will be mandatory as per instructions issued vide CC No. 43/2011 dated 3.11.2011.

3.5 Minimum Land Holding for Tubewell Connection:

As per existing instructions, minimum land requirement for release of AP connections is one Acre as provided in AP Policy Guidelines approved by State Government except in case of Tubewells released under Drip/Sprinkler Micro Irrigation Priority and AP High Technology Priority. Minimum land holding for release of Tubewell under Drip/Sprinkler Irrigation System is 2 hectare for fruit crops or one hectare for vegetables & non-horticulture crops and minimum land holding for green houses Tubewell connections to be released under AP High Technology Priority is 2000 Sq. meters i.e. approximately 4 Kanals. Similarly minimum area for setting up hot houses/net houses will be 2000 Sq. meters i.e. approximately 4 Kanals.

However, the condition of minimum land requirement of one acre for release of AP connection is relaxed in case of Tubewell being installed by Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation Limited.

Consent in the form of an affidavit from the land owner/resolution passed by the Panchayat in favour of Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation Limited may be accepted instead of proof of ownership/lease deed requirement as per Clause 13.7 (ii) of Electricity Supply Instructions Manual (ESIM).

3.6 Service Connection Charges for release of Tubewell Connections:

The Service Connection Charges are recoverable from the applicants seeking a new Tubewell connection or extension in load/demand

under AP category as prescribed by Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission in the Electricity Supply Code. As per an amendment made by Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission vide its Notification dated 24.5.2010, an applicant for new connection seeking out of turn release of connection/ load/ demand will be required to pay per BHP/ KW/ KVA charges or the actual expenditure incurred in providing the connection/ load/ demand, whichever is higher.

Accordingly, Service Connection Charges for release of new connection or extension in load/ demand under AP category will be recovered as under:-

- i) Service Connection Charges @ Rs. 3600/- per BHP (upto service line of 500 meter) from General Category consumers.
- ii) Applicants for new connection seeking out of turn release of connection/load/demand will pay actual cost of release of connection or PSERC prescribed per BHP/ KW/ KVA Service Connection Charges, whichever is higher.

NOTE: Charges as above will be recoverable as revised by PSERC from time to time.

There may be large number of applicants who have already deposited requisite charges and have submitted the Test Reports with PSPCL before the issue of CC No. 9/2011 dated 17.2.2011 and are awaiting release of their Tubewell connections. Such connections shall be released as per Terms & Conditions of Demand Notices already issued. However, where the validity of Demand Notice already issued against any of the priority category have expired, extension in Demand Notice will be allowed by the competent authority with the condition that Demand Notice extension fee and Service Connection Charges applicable for priority category will be payable.

4.0 These policy guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.