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ਵਿਸ਼ਾ :

A.P. Policy-Guidelines for release of Agricultural Pump set Connections in the State of Punjab for the year-2013-14.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਾਲ 2013-14 ਦੌਰਾਨ ਰਾਜ ਵਿਚ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਟਿਊਬਵੈੱਲ ਕੁਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਏ.ਪੀ. ਪਾਲਿਸੀ/ਗਾਈਡਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਦੀ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਸਕੱਤਰ/ ਪਾਵਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ: 1/33/08-ਈ.ਬੀ.(ਪੀ.ਆਰ.)/351 ਮਿਤੀ: ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ-31 ਮਈ-2013 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
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To
The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,
Patiala.

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Memo.No. 1/33/08-EB (PR) 35
Dated, Chandigarh, the 31 May, 2013

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Subject - AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab for the year 2013-14.

Please refer to your office Memo.No.540/ਸੇਸ.ਸੇਸ.ਐਮ-414/ਟਿਊਬਵੈਲ
ਪਾਟਿਆ 2013-14 dated 10.4.2013 on the subject cited above.

2. The "AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab" for the year 2013-14, has been approved by the State Government and a copy of the same is enclosed herewith for further necessary action at your end.

3. The "AP Policy - Guidelines for Release of Agricultural Pumpset Connections in the State of Punjab" for the year 2013-14 should be put on the website of PSPCL and be given wide publicity for information of the public and AP consumers.

[Signature]
Special Secretary, Power

Endst.No. 1/33/08-EB (PR) Dated:

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 2013-14 as approved by the State Government is forwarded to Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chandigarh.

[Signature]
Special Secretary, Power

**AP POLICY-GUIDELINES FOR RELEASE OF ELECTRIC CONNECTIONS
TO AGRICULTURAL PUMPSETS IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB
FOR THE YEAR 2013-14**

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.

The Government of Punjab accordingly lays down Policy Guidelines to regulate release of Agriculture Pump Sets Connections in the State as follows :-

2. Present Status:

i) Punjab is predominantly an agrarian State having 85% of its geographical area under cultivation with an average cropping intensity of 190%. 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 waters have enormously increased. This is evident from increase in the number of Tubewells from 0.19 million in 1970-71 to 1.413 million on 31.12.2012. 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%.

As per latest report of Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), 45 Blocks have been notified in Punjab as over exploited blocks.

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 connection 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 out of these 11,88,096 Nos. as on 28.2.2013 are operated with electricity connections of erstwhile Punjab State Electricity Board, now Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). The number of Tubewell connections released by erstwhile Punjab State Electricity Board during the last nine years are as under: -

2003-04	22806
2004-05	31212
2005-06	17422
2006-07	39523
2007-08	11058
2008-09	50791
2009-10	72653
2010-11	36087
2011-12	15116
2012-13	19278 as on 28.2.13

iii) The Status of pending Tubewell applications and pending Test Reports as on 28.02.2013 as per the information supplied by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited is as under: -

A)	Total Pending Tubewell applications	405462	
B)	GENERAL CATEGORY :		
a)	i)	Pending applications of AP applicants having land holding upto 2.5 Acre but without any Tubewell connections.	73252
	ii)	Pending applications of AP applicants having land holding upto 2.5 Acre to 5 Acre but without any Tubewell connections.	87807

	iii)	Pending applications of AP applicants having land holding more than 5 Acre	160253
		TOTAL :	321312
b)	No. of General category applicants to whom demand notice have been issued but test reports are awaited. (Included in B (a) above).		
	i)	With land holding upto 2.5 Acre & without any Tubewell connection	593
	ii)	With land holding for 2.5 Acre to 5 Acre without any Tubewell connection	1001
	iii)	With land holding more than 5 Acre	6813
		TOTAL :	8407
c)	No. of applications registered upto 31.12.1992 under General Category to whom demand notice are yet to be issued. (Included in B (a) above).		
	i)	With land holding upto 2.5 Acre & without any Tubewell connection	3607
	ii)	With land holding for 2.5 Acre to 5 Acre without any Tubewell connection	3936
	iii)	With land holding more than 5 Acre (Registered upto 31.12.91).	11892
		TOTAL :	19355
d)	No. of General Category applicants who have submitted test reports (Pending Test Reports) (Included in B (a) above).		
	i)	With land holding upto 2.5 Acre & without any Tubewell connection.	58
	ii)	With land holding for 2.5 Acre to 5 Acre without any Tubewell connection.	409
	iii)	With land holding more than 5 Acre.	2210
		TOTAL :	2677

C) PRIORITY CATEGORIES		Demand Notice yet to be issued	Demand Notice issued but Test Report awaited	Pending Test Reports	Total
i)	Drip/Micro Sprinkler System Priority	935	735	1639	3309
ii)	Chairman discretionary Quota	88	311	272	671
iii)	Gram Panchayat	381	994	127	1502

iv)	Religious Institutions (Including Priority Gaushala)	38	71	54	163
v)	Sem Area.	13574	2913	2565	19052
vi)	Common T/W Connection along side of Canals/Distributaries	0	11	71	82
vii)	Punjab Water Resources Mgt. & Development Corp. Ltd. T/W Priority.	186	161	65	412
viii)	Priority to Land Owners/Oustees whose Land are acquired by GoP.	249	61	17	327
ix)	Harijan Farmers co-operative society Priority.	15	5	12	32
x)	Land Across International Border Fencing Priority.	184	129	50	363
xi)	Kandi Area (10 BHP & Above Submersible Pumps only) Priority.	1779	266	302	2347
xii)	Land Across Ravi River Priority	115	34	91	240
xiii)	Family Partition Priority.	305	66	89	460
xiv)	Ex-Serviceman Priority	2576	646	1158	4380
xv)	Members of Scheduled Caste Priority	386	28	17	431
xvi)	Gallantry Awardees (Armed Forces and Civilians).	0	0	0	0
xvii)	Martyrs of Kargil/Operation Rakshak in J&K	0	12	0	12
xviii)	Other Priorities	3899	220	10	4129
xix)	ARTC Scheme 2011	17730	17133	11375	46238
TOTAL :		42440	23796	17914	84150

3.0 Policy Guidelines:

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

For the year 2013-14, 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 against all the applications registered under this priority category could not be released during the 2012-13 and as such remaining connections will be released during the year 2013-14 also.

3.2 Of the total 25,000 AP connections to be released in a year as per the target fixed, the category-wise break-up shall be as under:-

a) General Category	60%	(15000 No.)
b) Priority Categories	30 %	(7500 No.)
c) Chairman's Discretionary Quota	10% of 25000 =	2500 No.

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 holding upto : 60 % of 3.2 (a) above (9000 No.)
2.5 acre & without any Tubewell connection.
- ii) Applicants having land holding more : 20 % of 3.2 (a) above (3000 No.)
than 2.5 Acre & upto 5 Acre
- iii) Applicants having land holding more : 20 % of 3.2 (a) above (3000 No.)
than 5 Acre

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) Chairman Discretionary Quota : 10 % (2500 No.)
- C) Following Priority Categories & total pendency (No. of applications + No. of demand notice issued and test reports awaited + No. of test reports pending) as on 28.2.2013. : 30 % (7500 No.)

Sr. No.	Name Priority Category	Total Pendency
i)	Land Across International Border Fencing Priority.	363
ii)	Kandi Area (10 BHP and above Submersible Pumps only).	2347
iii)	Priority Across the River Ravi.	240
iv)	Priority under Family Partition.	460
v)	Ex-Serviceman Priority.	4380
vi)	Priority of Members of Scheduled Castes	431
vii)	Gallantry Awardées (Armed Forces and Civilians)	0
viii)	Martyrs of Kargil War, Operation Rakshak in J&K and insurgency	12
Total :		8233

In view of the above pendency cutoff date for issuance of demand notice will be unchanged i.e. 31.12.2010. However, cut of date will be decided by PSPCL on the basis of receipt of applications & test reports accordingly.

3.3.1 The Tubewell connections to be released under Chairman's discretionary quota, Drip/Micro Sprinkler System, Gram Panchayats, Religious Institutions (including Gaushala), Sem Area, Release of Common Tubewell Connection 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 left over connections of Accelerated Release of Tubewell Connection (ARTC) will have overriding priority without any cut-off date and may be released through outsourcing/departmentally. To encourage saving of ground water resources, Tubewell connections 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.

Further, in order to revive the ecology of Holi Bai (होली बेरी), priority tubewell connection shall be allowed for de-watering of pond water and using the same for irrigation of land of Panchayat/farmers of 103 villages identified under Hoshiarpur and Kapurthala Districts. The tubewell connections will be released in the name of Gram Panchayat under Gram Panchayat priority and condition of minimum one acre land holding shall not be applicable for release of such tubewell connections.

Besides above, tubewell connection to Government Adarsh Schools for irrigation of school land will continue to be released with overriding priority as per instructions circulated by PSPCL vide CC No.15/2013 dated 18.3.2013.

3.3.2 All the priority applications / test reports already received under any other priority categories except those indicated above will be transferred in general category queue and the seniority of pending A.P. 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.

3.3.3 Cut off date for issue of demand notice/release of connection :

Keeping in view the pendency of AP applications, test reports & availability of material, PSPCL will decide the cut off dates for issue of demand notice & release of connection on the basis of receipt of application & test report respectively against General Category & Priority Categories.

3.4 Release of All new AP connections of 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 labeled and ISI Marked Motor Pump Sets and accessories will be mandatory as per instructions issued by PSPCL vide CC No. 43/2011 dated 03.11.2011.

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 & A.P. High technology priority. Minimum land holding for release of tubewell under Drip/Sprinkler Irrigation System is 2 (Two) hectare for fruit crops or one hectare for vegetables & non horticulture crops & minimum land holding for green houses tubewell connections to be released under A.P. High technology priority is 2000 sq. meters (4 Kanals). Minimum land holding for release of priority tubewell connection to Government Adarsh Schools will be Three Acre. Similarly minimum area for setting up hot houses/net houses will be 2000 sq. meter (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. 4500/- 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.

The connections to the applicants to whom demand notice stands already issued shall be released as per terms & conditions of demand notices. However, where the validity of demand notice already issued 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 will be payable as applicable at the time of extension in demand notice period.

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