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**Sub:** Installation of Prepaid Meters at Government owned residence of employees (with transferable jobs) of various courts, State Government, Central Government, Local Bodies, etc; Procedure to be followed while installing the same.

**Ref:** 1) Board Resolution No. 60 dated 07.03.2012  
2) MERC Order dated 26.04.2010 in Case No. 76 of 2009

MSEDCL had filed a petition before Hon'ble Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) vide Case No. 76 of 2009 for approval of Prepaid Metering. In this regard, the Hon'ble Commission vide its order dated 26.04.2010 has approved the implementation of Pilot Project for installation of prepaid meters at consumer's premises.

Accordingly, MSEDCL has procured 25000 Nos of prepaid static energy meters (as approved by MERC) with key pad technology of 10-60A from M/s. HPL Socomec Pvt. Ltd. for implementation of Pilot Project.


Also, many cases have been referred to Head Office wherein the 15 days disconnection notice under section 56 of Electricity Act has been issued to the residential quarters of Lower Divisional Judges, Senior Divisional Judges, etc due to arrears on the premises. However, the resident judges have taken an objection that the arrears are due to non-payment of bills by previous resident judges and as such the arrears don't belong to them. The matter was submitted to "Board" in meeting dated 07.03.2012 for decision.

The Board vide Resolution No. 60 dated 07.03.2012 has granted approval for installation of prepaid meters to Government owned residence of employees (with transferable jobs) of various courts, State Government, Central Government, Local Bodies, etc. with following procedure as under:

- i) All such Government owned residence of employees (with transferable jobs) of various courts, State Government, Central Government, Local Bodies, etc. under arrears shall be given the 15 days disconnection notice under section 56 of Electricity Act.

- ii) In the event of payment of arrears, the Prepaid Meters shall be given after completing all necessary formalities as under:
- The new consumer within the period of 15 days of notice shall submit the A-1 form duly filled for new connection alongwith required necessary documents, special request for new connection through Prepaid Meters and an undertaking in respect of date of occupancy of quarter.
  - In such cases, no Security Deposit or Meter Cost is to be collected from such new consumer.
  - However, in case it is found that the arrears or any part thereof belongs to the duration of his occupancy of said quarter, then he shall not be entitled for Prepaid Meters unless the arrears belonging to the duration of his occupancy is paid in full by him. In the event of non-payment of the arrears by him, the supply shall be Permanently Disconnected and a Civil Suit shall be filed in the Civil Courts for recovery of arrears and the Security Deposit shall be adjusted in the arrears while filing the Civil Suit.
- iii) The Security Deposit of old connection shall be refunded to the old consumer only after receipt of payment of complete arrears.
- iv) In case the consumer request for grant of installments for payment of arrears, the consumer may be granted three (03) equal monthly installments, however, in such cases, the Security Deposit shall be refunded to the old consumer only after full payment of arrears amount from the consumer. If there is a default in payment of any installment granted as above, MSEDCL procedure shall be followed for recovery of arrears and the Security Deposit shall be adjusted in the arrears while filing the Civil Suit.
- v) In the event of non-payment of arrears, the connection shall be Permanently Disconnected. The new connections with the Prepaid Meters shall be given after completing all necessary formalities as mentioned at point no. (ii) above. However, in such cases, a Civil Suit shall be filed in the Civil Courts for recovery of arrears and the Security Deposit of old connection shall be adjusted in the arrears while filing the Civil Suit.

All the field officers are hereby instructed to strictly follow the above guidelines while installing the Prepaid Meters at Government owned residence of employees (with transferable jobs) of various courts, State Government, Central Government, Local Bodies, etc.

  
**Chief Engineer (Commercial)**

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