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Billing and Revenue Circular No. 06/2024

Sub: "Mahavitaran Abhay Yojna-2024" for PD HT/LT Consumers.

At present huge amount of arrears is stuck up with PD consumers. Currently recovery from PD consumers has been a challenge due to various issues & many new incoming owners / occupants are getting difficulties to get new supply connections due to arrears on the land. Over the period it is observed that, many PD consumers are using unauthorized supply which is adversely impacting revenue and distribution loss. Earlier also MSEDCL has launched various Amnesty PD schemes time to time to boost the recovery of PD arrears. However efforts made for recovery of PD arrears were not sufficient.

Recently Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Civil Appeal No. 2109-2110 /2004 and the 19 cases in the batch of appeals dated 19.05.2023 has passed the judgement and affirm that distribution company has right to recover the arrears with interest in PD premises from the owner / Purchaser/occupant.

By taking review of all previous scheme and response thereof it is demand of time to introduce a more lucrative amnesty scheme so as to cover maximum PD consumers which will helpful to consumer for reconnection /new service connection at the same time to improve the cash flow of MSEDCL.

Details of the Mahavitaran Abhay Yojana - 2024

1. Eligibility Criteria:

All HT/LT consumers excluding AG & PWW which are made PD on or before 31.03.2024 will be eligible to participate in the scheme. The arrears as on 31st March 2024 is freezed for the scheme. Consumers in the Distribution Franchisee (DF) area having arrears of MSEDCL period are also eligible to participate in the scheme. Payable amount is as per DFA clause applicable.

2. Tenure of scheme

Period for scheme - 01st Sep 2024 to 30th Nov 2024

Consumer shall apply through online portal on <https://wss.mahadiscom.in/wss/wss> & Mobile App.

3. Benefits of Scheme and Conditions

- i. 100 % DPC & Interest will be waived off & no further interest from PD date to application date will be charged on making payment of 100% principal amount.
- ii. Consumer will have option of making 100% payment in one stroke or minimum 30% down payment with maximum 6 installments.
- iii. Additional 5% rebate to HT and 10% rebate to LT consumers will be given if payable amount paid in one stroke.
- iv. **In case of Legal Dispute**
 - a. The Consumer in Litigation will be eligible for participation in this scheme, only if the filed petition/case/suit is unconditionally withdrawn and legal charges incurred by MSEDCL is paid by the consumer.
 - b. If MSEDCL has filed petition/case/suit, then consumer will have to bear all legal expenses along with principal amount and case will be withdrawn thereafter.
 - c. In case consumer opts for installments facility then case will be withdrawn only after payment of entire principal amount with legal charges.
 - d. The cases where decree have been passed by the court but not executed for a period of 12 years and no appeal is filed in before any court will also be considered as eligible for the scheme.
 - e. The Cases where decrees have been passed and twelve years are not completed, amount payable will be as per Decree order, whereas he will be eligible for 50% rebate in interest (from date of filing civil suit to application date).

- f. If any litigation / court case is filed against consumer by MSEDCL or by consumer, Affidavit on Rs.200/- stamp paper shall be submitted by the consumer.

v. **Reconnection / New Service Connection:**

- a. Consumer will have option of reconnection / new connection in the PD premises on making payment in one stroke or minimum 30 % downpayment if opted for installments.
- b. If consumer opts for new connection/ reconnection same shall be released immediately on receipt of necessary documents & payment of necessary charges as approved by MERC.

vi. **Billing Disputes / Complaints of PD Arrears**

- a. In case of any complaint / dispute regarding PD arrears, Consumer have option to raise the complaint. These complaints will be available in CRM. Concerned Sub Division / Circle office shall resolve these complaints by referring consumers CPL **within 03 days of application**. In case of any correction in TD Date or fictitious arrears, Billing in-charge will rectify and submit for approval.
- b. Competent authority for approval under the scheme will be as below
- All HT Consumers – Chief Engineer O&M Zone, MSEDCL
 - All LT Consumers – Executive Engineer O&M Division, MSEDCL.

(For One stroke payment or installments having No disputes/No court case/No wrong bill complaint, approval is not required. Such cases shall be treated as auto approved.)

- c. The revised payable amount shall be displayed & notified to consumer via SMS/Email immediately. The SDO / Circle will also intimate consumer regarding correction of the bill for payment.

vii. **Installment Recovery Process**


- a. During the scheme period (Months equal to No of opted installments) consumer shall pay installments on or before every month end irrespective of reconnection / new connection. After reconnection/ new connection consumer shall require to pay the balance installments along with current electricity bill within due dates. Concerned sub division / circle shall monitor the recovery of these consumers.

- b. Link of payment of opted installment will be available at <https://wss.mahadiscom.in/wss/wss> & **Mobile App**.
- c. In case of default in installment payment /current bill or both, supply shall be disconnected immediately without any further notice.
- d. *To avail the benefit of the scheme, consumer has to pay all payable amount within the opted period. If Consumer fails to pay total payable amount as per this Amnesty Scheme, the upto date Interest shall be charged on the defaulted amount.*

Any proposal outside the provisions of this policy will be treated as exceptional cases & the Hon. Chairman & Managing Director will be the competent authority to decide such cases.

4. **Publicity & Implementation:**

- a. Wide publicity will be given to the scheme through social media, news-papers & television at local as well as state level.
- b. The notices along with amnesty scheme information will be served to PD consumers premise and local authority shall ensure maximum consumers take the benefits of the scheme.
- c. The list of LT/HT PD consumer is made available on Mobile App for verification. All filed offices shall ensure that the 100% consumers are verified.
- d. Special drive will be arranged for PD recovery under amnesty scheme & Chief Engineer (O&M) shall monitor the progress of the drive and submit weekly report to B&R section.


Chief Engineer
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