



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Finance Department - Implementation of Prepaid Smart Meters in Government Buildings - Utilisation of Electricity Duty available with Thrissur Corporation Electricity Department (TCED) for recharging prepaid smart meter accounts of Government consumers – Orders issued.

**FINANCE (DEVELOPMENT-WING) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O(Ms)No. 31/2026/Fin Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 27-02-2026.**

- Read:1. Letter No. PF-S/2025-26 dated 02.09.2025 by the Ministry of Finance Government of India.
2. GO (Ms) No. 163/2025/Fin dated 20.12.2025.
  3. U.O Note No. PLG-A(R)/17/2025-FIN-Part(1) dated 11.02.2026 from Finance (Planning A) Department.
  4. Minutes of the meeting chaired by Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on 05.02.2026.
  5. Letter No. E4-886/26-1 dated 06.02.2026 and 17.02.2026 from the Assistant Secretary, TCED.
  6. Circular no.PWR-C2/249/2022-POWER dtd. 10.02.2026.

**ORDER**

Government of India, as per reference read 1<sup>st</sup> above, sanctioned additional borrowing limits to States subject to the implementation of specified power sector reforms, including mandatory installation of prepaid smart meters in all Government buildings.

2 . For the operationalisation of the prepaid smart metering system with effect from 01.03.2026, (i) all outstanding electricity dues up to 28.02.2026 are required to be settled, and (ii) adequate initial balance is to be credited to the prepaid accounts of State Government consumers to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

3 . As per reference cited 2<sup>nd</sup> above, Government had accorded sanction to net off the electricity charge dues of various Government Departments amounting to ₹1,55,51,756/- up to 06.10.2025 against the electricity duty collected and retained by TCED, and took over the electricity charge dues of Thrissur Municipal Corporation as on 06.10.2025.

4. In accordance with the minutes of the meeting held on 05.02.2026, vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> above, the Thrissur Corporation Electricity Department (TCED) was directed to intimate the Government of any requirements necessary for the timely completion of installation of smart meters and payment of electricity charges as mandated in all Government establishments before 01.03.2026. As per reference read as 5<sup>th</sup> above, TCED has reported that 800 prepaid smart meters are to be installed for Government Institutions by TCED and has requested to adjust amount collected through prepaid smart meter against the electricity duty payable by TCED to the Government.

5. Government, after examining the matter in detail and to ensure a seamless transition to prepaid smart metering without disruption of electricity supply to State Government consumers, are pleased to issue the following orders:

i. Sanction is accorded to net off the entire electricity dues of State Government consumers outstanding as on 28.02.2026 against the Electricity Duty payable by TCED to Government.

ii. At the time of migration to Prepaid Smart Metering an amount equivalent to the average electricity charges for two months (calculated based on the previous six billing cycles) shall be credited to the prepaid account of each State Government consumer by utilising the Electricity Duty available with TCED.

iii. TCED shall fix a minimum threshold balance equivalent to 15 days' average consumption (based on the previous six billing cycles) for each State Government prepaid consumer account.

iv. Whenever the balance in a State Government consumer's prepaid account falls below the prescribed threshold, TCED shall automatically recharge the account for an amount utilising the Electricity Duty available with it.

v. Each such recharge shall be for an amount equivalent to the average two months' current charges, as specified in para (ii) above.

vi. The above mechanism shall be continued for all State Government consumers to ensure that no disconnection of electricity supply occurs on account of insufficient prepaid balance in State Government Consumer's account.

vii. TCED shall maintain a proper consumer-wise, and Department-wise accounts of Electricity Duty amounts utilised for recharging prepaid smart meters of State Government consumers.

viii. TCED shall furnish a quarterly statement to the Finance Department covering the following facts:

- Department-wise and consumer-wise recharge amounts effected during the quarter;
- Electricity Duty collected during the quarter;
- Statement of Net Electricity Duty payable to Government after adjusting recharge amounts. The same shall be remitted to Treasury and proof of remittance shall be furnished.

6. A consolidated Annual statement of Department-wise electricity charges adjusted against Electricity Duty shall be disclosed by TCED.

7. TCED shall take immediate steps to operationalise the above arrangements in consultation with the concerned Departments and ensure strict adherence to the timelines committed to Government of India.

(By order of the Governor)

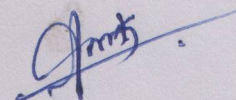
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