

Translated English Version

Providing electricity free of charge to Water Pump Houses
Of Gram Panchayats/autonomous bodies' premises

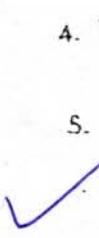
Government of Gujarat
Energy & petrochemicals department
Resolution No.GEB/1095/2188/K
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Dt.11-9-96

Resolution:

The State Government had given subsidy in the electricity charges to the water pump houses of Gram Panchayats in the State. Even after giving this subsidy, it has been found that some Gram Panchayats, whose financial resources are very poor, were finding it difficult to pay the electricity bills and as a result their electricity supply is disconnected. This has created a serious problem for supply of drinking water to the people. The matter for providing electricity free of charge to the premises of those Gram Panchayats and autonomous bodies which are supplying water to the village people was under consideration of the Government. After careful consideration, it has now been decided to provide electricity free of charge to the water pump houses of Gram Panchayats/ autonomous bodies which are supplying water to the people. Other conditions in this connection are as under:

1. Separate meter will be kept for water pump houses of Gram Panchayats/ autonomous bodies in their premises.
2. The electric connection in this respect will be used only for the purpose of providing water supply facility to the village people.
3. The autonomous bodies which are registered under Charitable Trust Act will have to supply water to the entire village without any financial obligation.
4. This scheme will come into force from the current financial year i.e. with effect from 1-4-1995.
5. The Gujarat Electricity Board/ local Executive Engineer of Electricity Company/ concerned Taluka Development Officer and the local officer of Gujarat Water Supply Board will jointly work out and fix a ceiling for quarterly (April to June, July to September, October to December, January to March) consumption of electricity. This ceiling will be fixed within two months from the date of this G.R. after taking into consideration various factors such as electricity consumed so far and during last year, population, demand of water etc. Those Gram Panchayats/ autonomous organizations whose electricity consumption exceeds the fixed ceiling will have to pay the excess amount from their own fund.

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6. Board / Electricity Company will charge electricity bills under head "Cost to Serve" basis.
 7. The State Government will make payment as a subsidy to Gujarat Electricity Board/ Electricity Company the amount of electricity bill within the ceiling as prescribed for the supply of electricity to the premises of Gram Panchayats / autonomous bodies.
 8. The ceiling rate will be reviewed every two years and as stated in condition No.5, the same will be fixed afresh.

This Order has been issued after obtaining approval on the notes dt.10-1-96 and 10-1-06 of Panchayat Department and Finance Department respectively.

By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat

Sd/
(Raj Kumar)
Deputy Secretary
Energy & Petrochemicals Department

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