

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Principal Secretary to Government**

To

**The Principal Secretaries,
Public Enterprises Department/
Co-operation Department.
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries to Govt.
Housing & Urban Development Deptt./
Panchayati Raj Department/
All Collectors**

Sub: **Reconciliation and payment of outstanding dues of CESU, WESCO, NESCO and SOUTHCO by Urban Local Bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings and Co-operatives by 31st March, 2017.**

Sir,

I am directed to say .that the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Energy Department has submitted Department and Category/Entity-wise arrear outstanding electricity dues as on 31st December, 2016 in respect of Government Offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies and other autonomous agencies in a meeting taken by the Chief Secretary on 20th March, 2017 (list enclosed). The aforesaid outstanding dues amount to Rs.482.75 crore. There is persistent default in payment of Electricity Dues by Urban Local Bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Cooperatives.

2. Government Departments and Organizations under the control of the State Government should be model consumers so that other consumers would also emulate them and pay their dues in time. It has therefore become incumbent on Finance Department to issue suitable advisory to all Departments for timely payment of Electricity Dues and enforce it through islanding and earmarking funds out of devolutions, grant-in-aid or budgetary support to ULBs, PRIs, PSUs & Cooperatives.

3. The clearance of outstanding dues by the Urban Local Bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings and Co-operatives must be ensured before 31st March, 2017. It may be noted that sufficient funds are available with local bodies for such-purpose out of the F.C. transfers. Collectors are requested to issue suitable directions and monitor the compliance under intimation to the H & UD/ Panchayati Raj and Finance Department.

4. The H&UD Department may also issue necessary instructions to the Urban Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Department may instruct all Panchayati Raj Institutions to reconcile and clear the outstanding electricity dues till 31st December, 2016, before 31st March, 2017 at the latest. While releasing untied funds to the Local Bodies, H&UD Department and Panchayati Raj Department may earmark a certain amount towards electricity dues and before release of the subsequent installment, the concerned Local Bodies should furnish a certificate that the electricity dues are being paid regularly and there is no default on their part in payment of electricity dues including the past arrear. In the absence of such a certificate the next installment due may not be released by the Administrative Department/Controlling Officers.

5. In case of Public Sector Undertakings-and Co-operatives, appropriate instruction may be issued by Public Enterprises Department and Co-operation Department to the concerned" Administrative Departments to insist on a certificate regarding up to date payment of the arrear and current electricity dues by the PSUs and Co-operatives while releasing budgetary support to the PSUs/Cooperatives. They may also be requested to earmark a certain amount out of the budgetary support towards payment of Electricity Dues if the PSUs/Cooperatives have large outstanding arrear dues. No opportunity should be given to the DISCOMs to disconnect the line and all-out efforts should be made to clear outstanding dues on priority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Principal Secretary to Government