

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

**Shri Ashok Meena, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Government.**

To

**The Additional Chief Secretaries/
All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to Government
All Heads of the Department/All Collectors**

**Sub: Prompt payment of pending dues of different MSMEs, Industries,
Municipalities and Utilities.**

Ref: Finance Department Letter No.15352/F, Dt.16.05.2020.

Sir/ Madam,

In inviting reference to the above letter, I am directed to say that all Departments of the State Government were requested to ensure timely release of pending dues, payments, liabilities, EMDs, Security Deposits etc to mitigate the financial distress faced by the MSMEs, Industries, Municipalities and Utilities due to COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, budget provisions were made during Annual Budget-2020-21 and Supplementary Budget, 2020-21 for unhindered flow of liquidity to these sectors.

2. As a model buyer or receiver of the services rendered by different entities, it is the duty of all Offices of the State Government to clear their justified dues routinely in a time bound manner. This will not only improve the credibility of the Government, also the services would become available at a competitive price.

3. Similarly, the dues of the utilities like electricity charges, water tax, holding taxes are also required to be cleared by due date as delay in payment will hinder the cash flow of the utilities and it will be difficult for them

to provide services at desired level. On the other hand, with timely payment of utility dues, the State Government can also avail rebates.

4. Government has gone for settlement of arrear electricity dues of all State Government Offices outstanding as on 31st March, 2020 vide Finance Department Notification No-34020/F Dt.21.12.2020. Hence, the State Government Offices have to make payment of electricity dues pertaining to the current financial year 2020-21 onwards. Any payment made by any Office towards the prior period will be adjusted against the current dues by the corresponding DISCOM. However, each Government Office needs to make prompt payment of current electricity dues.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly complete the payment of all pending claims/ dues, and release of EMDs, Security Deposits or Performance Securities to the MSMEs, Industries, Municipalities and Utilities by end of the current financial year. Any dues of above nature pertaining to current financial year should not be kept pending to be carried forward to the next financial year. Carry forward of pending utility payments to the next financial year without sufficient justifications would be viewed seriously.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Principal Secretary to Government