

Decision taken in 222nd Meeting of KWA held on 27-8-2001

Item No. II (8) Introduction of bimonthly meter reading and billing system

Res. No. 5878 Under the circumstances explained in the agenda note the Authority took the following decisions

1. Resolved that meter readings should be taken once in every two months, in the case of domestic consumers and every month in the case of Non-domestic and Industrial consumers. To begin with, the system should be started in one of the sections each in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode Corporations with effect from 1.10.2001 on a trial basis.
2. Further resolved to fix the number of meter reading per meter reading as 600 per month in the case of Rural area and 800 per month in the case of urban areas with effect from 1.10.2001.
3. Further resolved to deploy the required number of staff for meter reading from out of the last grade staff who were given training by KWA for meter reading and who are willing to do the work of meter reader without creating any additional posts. The Regional Chief Engineers are authorised to deploy the required ministerial staff for billing by transferring them from within their regions.
4. Further resolved to fix an allowance of Rs 200/- per month to the trained last grade staff who are willing to be engaged as meter readers.
5. Further resolved that KWA should initiate immediate action to set up meter repair workshop in the above three corporations as well as in the other places. The minimum requirements for a meter shop should be as in the case of meter workshops set up by the Kudumbasree scheme. Any entrepreneur, including licensed plumbers of KWA who satisfies the requirements, should be given permission to set up the meter workshop. KWA should conduct a test for this purpose. An annual license fee of Rs.1000/- should be collected. A wide publicity shall given regarding in setting up of meter repairing workshop.
6. Further resolved that KWA should take urgent steps to strengthen its existing meter testing facilities. In addition, some external agencies may also be authorised to test and issue a test certificate after collecting a prescribed fee. These arrangements should also be made in the three corporations before 1.10.2001.

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7. Further resolved to authorise STED, a Government agency to set up meter testing Labs in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kozhikkode and other places in the State of Kerala.

8. Further resolved that the Managing Director may incur necessary expenditure for the purchase of Computer hardware, furniture and stationary for the implementation of the system.

9. The Training Unit of the Kerala Water Authority will organise and extend necessary training to all categories in a time bound manner. Also all territorial Executive Engineers will take steps to prepare the route map and consumer details in all sections of each Division.