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Online recharge facility introduced for prepaid power consumers

The Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) had started installation of prepaid energy meters replacing old energy meters under IPDS and DDUGJY (new) scheme from August 16, 2020 and recently it has started online recharge system also. In the first phase already 184228 single phase prepaid meters with NFC card facility have been installed, informed TSECL in a press release. It has also informed that with every recharge of prepaid meter consumer gets 5 per cent rebate. There are no chances of aveage billing or getting surprised bills and imposition of late payment surcharge, no need of disconnection in case of long stay of outstation and consumers can easily recharge by monitoring his monthly consumptions. The online payment system will also help in reducing gathering before the counters of sub-divisions which is very important in the ongoing pandemic situation.

It is worth mentioning that while inaugurating the prepaid metering system the deputy chief minister Jishnu Dev Varma in August 2020 desired to introduce online payment system for prepaid consumers. Accordingly Dr. M.S. Kele, MD of TSECL, has taken up the matter and now TSECL initiated online recharge system through its official website. Very soon confirmation through SMS on successful payment will also be started. However, first recharge should be made in offline mode with NFC card after tapping on the meter by visiting point of sale (POS) at the concerned sub-division. After maximum three continuous recharges or maximum 180 days through self-service method (online mode) consumers have to visit the concerned sub-division office with NFC card after tapping on the meter. If recharge is made through consumer self-service method, only charges of electricity will be taken and fixed charges with other administrative charges will be calculated and deducted at the time of recharge with NFC card at the concerned electrical sub-division.

However, in spite of several benefits of prepaid system, some consumers are following illegal practice instead of recharging meters which is a non-cognizable offense and will lead towards imposition of penalty or imprisonment as per Section 135 of the Indian Electricity Act, 2003. In view of this, Dr. Kele, MD of TSECL, has appealed to the prepaid consumers not to indulge in such illegal activities and recharge prepaid meters in

time either online or through TSECL offices.

Ease of doing business offered by urban development

Various administrative works have been taken up for the convenience of 20 urban local bodies of the state through ease of doing business with the initiative of urban development department, Government of Tripura. For instance, providing building plan online, property tax payment, providing trade licences, granting hoarding or signage etc. Public now can get the above facilities from their homes and nearest CHCs (Common Service Centre) and apply online and get the services and online certification without the need of concerned urban local body to be present physically. This information was gathered from a press release issued by the directorate of urban development.

Door to door visit for Covid vaccination in Machli, Dhalai district

In order to provide vaccination against COVID, health workers visit door to door in various areas under Chichingchara UPHC under Machli Primary Health Centre in Dhalai district. Machli PHC MO Dr. Jagat Bilas Chakma and CHO, MPS, MPW and ASHA workers visit door to door to make Chichingchara people of aware about getting Covid vaccination. This information was collected from a press release issued the by National Health Mission.

DDT spray in Hemanta Debbarma PHC areas to curb malaria

DDT spraying drive to control insect caused diseases and malaria has been started from May 24 in Hemanta Debbarma Memorial PHC areas with a goal to cover 9 ADC villages with 2 spraying teams. This drive will continue for 75 days. DDT spraying was completed at first in Gopalnagar and West Lakhichara ADC villages. Other ADC villages will be covered gradually. This information was gathered from a press release issued by the National Health Mission.

Regular sanitization in Gandhigram

Regular sanitization is being done with the initiative of Gandhigram PHC to disinfect most crowded places. Apart from that, regular COVID tests are being done in various places falling under the PHC. Gandhigram PHC MOI Dr. Mridul Das urged everyone to stay at their homes and follow COVID rules. This information was gathered from a press release issued by the National Health Mission.