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HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 24th May, 2016

Sub:—Waiving of water connection charges for providing drinking water free of cost to all urban poor households.

No.12503–HUD-13/WSS-61/SCG-17-63/2015/HUD.— Odisha State Urban Water Supply Policy, 2013 envisages that all household shall have access to water through direct piped connection and urban poor shall receive all the facilities available to other residents at an affordable cost. This Department vide earlier Notification No.2872, dated the 16th February, 2010 had amended Rule 8 (c) of “The Orissa Water Works (Urban Local Bodies) Rules, 1980” that Domestic Water Supply connection fees for BPL consumer under the scheme “PIYUSH’ shall be Rs.500/- only (a non-refundable connection fee of Rs.440 plus a refundable deposit of Rs.60/-) which can be paid either one-time or in 5 (five) interest free Equal Monthly Installments of Rs.100/- each. This facility has been extended further for the urban poor covered under ANTYODAYA / ANNAPURNA and Other Social Welfare Schemes with similar provisions vide this Department Notification No.31086/HUD., dated the 2nd December, 2015. However, in spite of such simplification of procedure for water supply connection to the urban poor households, it is observed that many of them are deprived of drinking water supply facilities in the Urban Local Bodies.

2. Keeping in view the rapid urbanisation, increasing health hazards, continuing Heat Wave situation in the State and the mandate of Odisha State Urban Water Supply Policy, 2013, Government after careful consideration have been pleased to waive out domestic water connection fees of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) only applicable under Rule 8 (c) of “The Orissa Water Works (Urban Local Bodies) Rules,1980” for all urban poor households covered under BPL, ANTYODAYA/ ANNAPURNA and Other Social Welfare Schemes with similar provisions henceforth.

3. Relevant provision in "the Orissa Water Works (Urban Local Bodies) Rules,1980 and subsequent amendments stand modified accordingly on issue of the present Notification.

4. It shall be come into force from the date of issue of this Notification.

By Orders of the Governor

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