

## **Function and Duties of Public Health Engineering Department**

### **Kashmir/Jammu :-**

The Public Health Engineering Department at the operational level is headed by the Chief Engineer Kashmir and Chief Engineer Jammu at the provincial level. For Ladakh region it is headed by Superintending Engineer PWD Leh and Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Kargil for the Leh and Kargil Districts respectively. The primary functions and duties of the PHE Department are as under:

- a) To maintain and upkeep the water supply installation in the State.
- b) To provide adequate portable water supply to the general public through pipe network and through tankers where there is scarcity of piped water supply.
- c) To identify the sources for augmentation of water supply system in the State to meet future demand of water supply.
- d) To frame Detailed Project Reports and to execute the new water supply schemes in the State.

### **Information regarding Public Service Guarantee Act 2011:-**

The Department provides water supply connection for domestic as well as commercial purposes and the said service is covered under the J&K Public Service Guarantee Act 2011. The following procedure is prescribed for availing this facility:

#### **(a) Private Pipe Connection:-**

1. Application from interested persons seeking grant of private pipe connection indicating their complete address, the site where the connection is required and the contact numbers.
2. Copy of approved building plan permission issued by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation/Notified Area Committee or sale deed of property or Ration Card.
3. Rs. 10/- as cost of form set required for grant of Private Pipe Connection against proper Government Receipt.

**4. Connection charges for the year 2011-12 up to 31.03.2012:**

- a) For city and towns = Rs. 1198/- which includes water usage charges for one year @ Rs. 800/-.
- b) For rural Water Supply Schemes = Rs. 732/- which includes water usage charges for one year @ Rs. 410/-.

**5. Timeline for delivery of services as defined in the Act**

- a) Period for sanction of domestic water connection: 15 days
- b) Actual domestic water supply connection : 30 days

However, as per the Jammu and Kashmir Water Resources Act 2010, the State Water Resources Regulatory Authority vide Order No: WRRRA/02/2011 dated: 13.04.2011 issued vide No: PS/PHE/Consultant/WUC01/2011 dated: 13.04.2011 has ordered as an annual increase of 15% in the water usage charges.

**(b) NOC for construction of House:-**

- 1. Application from the interested persons seeking NOC indicating therein the complete address and contact number.
- 2. Building Plan/Key plan made by approved draftsman.
- 3. NOC fee as under:-
  - a. For construction within Municipal Limits = Rs.120/- against proper G.R.
  - b. For construction beyond Municipal limits Rs.50/- against proper G.R.
  - c. The period for grant of NOC for construction of house has been prescribed as within 30 days.

The above information have been highlighted in the Notice Board displayed in all offices of PHE Department.