

One Time Settlement (OTS) of Outstanding water rates dues of Central/State Government units/organizations and private industrial and establishments



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Is the reform a part of BRAP Action Plan: No

Question

Answer

Date of reform implementation

On 27/12/2022, the State Cabinet approved the principles of OTS, and it came into force from the year 06/02/2023

Evidence Submitted

Yes (Guidelines and Resolution submitted)

Is the Reform replicable across other Ministries or States/UTs

Yes

Reform Category

Simplification, Transparency

How reform was implemented

Administrative changes through a Notification in the form of operational guideline and resolution

Name of Act/ Name of Rules/ Clause No. of Rules/ Notification no/ Date of Notification

Odisha Irrigation Act, 1959/ The Odisha Irrigation Rules, 1961, The Odisha (Amendment) Rules, 2010/ Rule 23A (2) (e) and Rule 26/ 3282/ 06.02.2023

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URL of the portal/website (if applicable)

- **Guidelines link:** <https://industrialwaterod.nic.in/PDF/GuidelinesOTS.pdf>
- **Resolution link:** <https://industrialwaterod.nic.in/PDF/ResolutionOTS.pdf>

Pre-reform scenario

Earlier in the Odisha (Amendment) Rules, 2010 Rule 23A (2) (e) and Rule 26, a compound interest of 2% per month was imposed on the outstanding amount of water rates until the payments were made thereof. Many Central/State units/organizations, private, industrial, commercial and other establishments defaulted the payment over the years leading to huge arrears of Industrial water rate

Objective

Resolution of the outstanding industrial water rates through amicable settlement of the arrear water rate dues for all entities who have defaulted in payment of water dues

Impact

Number of procedures, documents, form size, etc. reduced

- Payment of principal dues
- Penalty shall be imposed applicable as per the Odisha Irrigation Rules, 1961
- Simple interest @12% p.a. to be imposed on arrear principal only. No interest charged on arrear penalty.
- Outstanding arrear water rate shall be computed as on 31.03.2022 and the payment made by the entities before that date shall be adjusted against outstanding dues in the following order: interest, penalty, and principal.
- The application for OTS shall be made to the concerned authorities within 1 month from the date of the policy coming into effect (i.e., 06/02/2023)
- The settlement shall be done within 2 months from the date of receipt of application