

takings (Dues Recovery) Act, 1970.

- 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or Definitions. context,—

(a) "Board" means the Haryana State Electricity Board constituted under section 5 of the

(b) "Dues" means any sum payable to a Government electrical under- taking on account of—

(i) consumption of electrical energy supplied, monthly minimum charges, minimum consumption -guarantee charges and other charges as may be prescribed by the Board in the Schedule of General Charges and Schedule of Tariff ;

(ii) any remuneration, rent or other charges for hire, inspection, test, installation, connection, repair, maintenance, removal, erection or dismantling of any electric -meter, electric -lines, electric machinery, control gear, fittings, wires, or apparatus for lighting, heating, coiling or motive power or for any other purpose for which electricity can or may be used, or any industrial or agricultural machinery operated by electricity; or

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(iii) price of any such goods as aforesaid taken on loan but not returned ;

(1..) "debtor" means a person by whom any dues are payable;

(d) "Government electrical undertaking" means the Board and such other electrical undertaking run or controlled by the State Government or the Board as may be notified by the State Government in this behalf ; and

(e) "prescribed authority" means the Chief Engineer of the Board or any person authorised whether by virtue of office or otherwise, by the State Government, by notification, to perform the functions of the prescribed authority under this Act in and for such area, as may be specified in the notification.

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date by 3, (1) Every bill for dues payable to a Government electrical undertaking which Pay- ing by a debtor shall be in the prescribed form and shall specify conspicuous- ments are ly the date by which such dues are to be paid.
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non-pay- (2) If the dues are not paid by such date, the debtor shall be liable to pay
ment. in addition thereto such penalty as may be prescribed and such dues and penalty shall be recoverable along with the costs incurred in making such recovery, in the manner hereinafter laid down in this Act.

Notice of 4. Where the dues are not paid by a debtor by the date specified in the bill
demand therefor, the prescribed authority may at any time serve or cause to be served
for dues and penalty upon him a notice of demand in the prescribed form, stating the name of the
not paid debtor, the amount payable by him on account of the various dues, penalty
and cost of recovery and the undertaking to which it is payable.

- *Explanation.*—The sending of the notice by registered post shall be deemed to be sufficient service on the person concerned.

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5. (1) Where a notice of demand has been served on the debtor or his authorised agent under section 4, he may, if he denies his liability to pay the dues, penalty, or costs or any part of any of them, and after depositing with the prescribed authority the aggregate amount specified in the notice of demand under protest in the refund of the dues or part thereof so deposited.

(2) A suit referred to in sub-section (a) may be instituted in a civil court of competent jurisdiction at any time within six months from the date of deposit with the prescribed authority and subject to the result of such suit, the notice of demand shall be conclusive mentioned therein.

proof of the various dues, penalty and cost

Recovery of dues, etc., if not paid. mentioned in the notice of demand served under section 4 is not deposited with the prescribed authority within sixty days of the date of such service or such extended period as the prescribed authority may from time to time allow, the debtor shall be deemed to be in default in respect of such amount and the same shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law or instrument or agreement to the contrary.

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(2) For the purpose of 'such recovery, the prescribed authority may forward to the Collector a certificate under his signature in the prescribed form stating the amount and details of the demand and the name and description of the debtor in default and the Collector shall on receipt of such certificate, proceed to recover from the debtor the amount of the demand as if it were an

, arrear of land revenue.

1) 7. (1) The State Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In articulation and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely

(a) the form of the bill for various dues payable by a debtor to a Government electrical undertaking ;

(b) the amount of scale of penalty payable on non-payment of such dues, by the due date ;

(c) the form and cost of notice of demand, the mode of the service thereof and the cost of recovery ;

(d) the form of the certificate under sub-section (2) of section 6 ; and

(e) any other matter which has to be or may be prescribed.

(3) Every rule made under this section shall be laid down as soon as may be after it is made before the House of the State Legislature while it is in session for a total period of ten days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the successive sessions aforesaid, the House agrees in making any modification in the rule or the House agrees that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the rule.

• 8. All arrears of the dues payable to a Government electrical undertaking and outstanding against a debtor at the commencement of this Act shall of arrears, also be recoverable in the manner provided for in this Act and the rules made thereunder:

Provided that in the case of such arrears—

(i) it shall not be necessary to issue a bill as contemplated by section 3 ; and

(ii) any penalty chargeable for the non-payment of such arrears on the date by such dues were to be paid, in accordance with which rules or practice as

hitherto prevailing, shall be deemed to be
penalty duly prescribed under sub-section (2) of section

3:

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• Provided further that the notice of demand for such arrears of dues and such penalty as contemplated by section 4, or as the case may be, a certificate as required by sub-section (2) of section 6 may be issued after the commencement of this Act.

9. Notwithstanding anything in the Limitation Act, 1963, or any other Extension law, for the time being in force, the period of limitation in respect of any suit of Period filed or that may be filed by or on behalf of the Board— tation.

(a) by virtue of sub-section (1) of section 60 and section 60A of the

" Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 (Central Act 54 of 1948), for the recovery of any dues which have accrued before the date of the first constitution of the Board shall be, and shall always be deemed to have been, six years from the date of the first constitution of the Board ; „

(b) for the recovery of any amount accruing after the date of first constitution of the Board, shall be, and shall always be deemed to have been, six years from the time from which the period of limitation began or would begin to run under the said Act against a like suit by a private person.

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