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To  
The Chief Secretary  
Government of Telangana  
Hyderabad

Sir,

**Sub :** Hyderabad Metro Water Supply & Sewerage Board –  
Non-payment of water charges by Government  
departments – Request to issue instructions to  
H.O.D.s to clear all pending dues – Reg.

**Ref :** G.M& (Rev -II)PIO letter No. HMWS&SB/Revenue  
Wing/PIO/RTI/2022-23/ 454, dated 17-6-2022

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Chief General Manager (Revenue) Water Board informs that an amount of Rs.1519 crores is due from various state and central Government departments and agencies. Out of Rs.1519 crores amount due from state Government departments is Rs.1267 crores and from central Government departments is Rs.252 crores. He further mentions that he is regularly pursuing the matter by writing letters, but there is no response from them.

**Here are some examples :**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
1. Mission Bageeratha	- Rs.601 crores
2. PR&RD department	- Rs. 594 crores
3. Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department	- Rs.42 crores
4. Housing department	- Rs.22 crores
5. Home department	- Rs.15 crores
6. GAD	- Rs. 9 crores

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Here it is pointed out that the main source of revenues to Water Board is from water charges. Citizens are regularly paying the water charges, the problem is only with Government institutions. Due to financial crunch, Water Board is unable to replace old rusting supply lines, with the result people are getting contaminated water and becoming sick.

As per section 199 of GHMC Act, property tax includes, water tax, drainage tax, lighting tax, conservancy tax etc. When a citizen pays property tax (house tax) to GHMC it implies that he is also paying the water and drainage tax. Again Water Board separately collects water and drainage tax, it amounts to double payment for providing water. Nevertheless without grumbling the residents of Hyderabad are paying the water charges. When it comes to Government agencies, large amounts are due for years together putting the Water Board into losses. By not paying water charges Government is setting a wrong example.

Forum for Good Governance requests the Chief Secretary to Government to issue suitable instructions to all H.O.D.s and others to clear the pending water charges to Water Board so that they can improve the services.

Yours Sincerely



**M. Padmanabha Reddy**

Secretary

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**Encl : Ref. cited**