

## **Surcharge Waiver Scheme-2022**

## Why In News?

 On August 31, 2022, Managing Director of Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Dr. Saket Kumar said that the Surcharge Waiver Scheme-2022 has been started by the Haryana Government to solve the problem of outstanding electricity bills.

## **Key Points**

- The benefits of this scheme can be availed by such consumers of urban and rural areas, whose bill was outstanding till December 31, 2021 and the bill is still pending. This plan is for both Connected and Disconnected customers.
- Dr. Saket Kumar informed that under this scheme, the complete surcharge of domestic (urban and rural) agricultural consumers and electricity connections related to government, gram panchayat and municipal corporation will be frozen so far and they will be given only the basic amount till now. will have to pay.
- The consumer can also deposit the principal amount in lump sum or with the next three bills. Consumers will also be given an additional discount of 5 percent on the principal amount on a lump sum deposit.
- He said that the frozen surcharge will be waived in proportion to the continuous payment of the next six bills. If the consumer does not deposit his principal amount in lump sum or fixed installments and does not deposit the next 6 bills continuously, then his frozen surcharge will be added back to the bill and the consumer will be excluded from the scheme.
- All categories of consumers can take advantage of this scheme. The surcharge on the outstanding principal amount of such consumers will be recalculated and interest will have to be paid at the rate of ordinary 10 percent per annum instead of the current rate of interest of 1.5 percent per month.
- Wrong bills made by all types of consumers will be corrected according to the conditions of the department. Such consumers, whose case is pending in the court, can also adopt this scheme.
  Provided that they have to withdraw their case from the court.
- About 2240985 consumers of the state will get the opportunity to take advantage of this scheme, including 24479 government consumers and the department's interest of about Rs 1834 crore can be waived off. This scheme will continue till November 30, 2022.

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