



Power Amnesty Scheme in J&K

Why in News?

Jammu and Kashmir **Chief Minister** Omar Abdullah **extended the power amnesty scheme** for domestic consumers.

Key Points

▪ Repeated Implementation:

- The Administrative Council, chaired by **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha**, approved the **extension of the Amnesty Scheme-2022 until 31st March 2025**, to benefit domestic electricity consumers.
- The scheme was reintroduced after many consumers were unable to avail of its benefits in 2024.

▪ Proposed Incentive-Based Scheme:

- The CM suggested a new scheme where incentives on outstanding dues would be linked to **future payments, encouraging timely bill settlements**.
- He also highlighted the **importance of metering to improve revenue collection** and reduce financial losses.
- The **amnesty scheme helped recover Rs 235.58 crore** from domestic consumers in 2023-2024.

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