

Policy issues- House Service Connections (HSCs), stand posts, services to poor and recovery of capital investment – in the context of implementation of continuous water supply through PSP in selected Demo Zones of Belgaum, Gulbarga and Hubli-Dharwad.

1. **In the case of existing legal connections, 50 % of capital cost (brought to nearest round figures) invested out of project funds for house service connection to be recovered at Rs.50/- per month starting from the monthly bill of commencement of Operation and Management period under Operator Contract**
2. Unauthorized connections will be disconnected, if they don't apply for regularizing the connection. **For citizens who apply for regularizing**, the concerned agency to approve and intimate the Operator who alone will carry out work through his sub-contractors; **normal connection charges to be collected without penalty and for recovering the full capital cost invested out of project funds, recovery at Rs.50/- per month** of from the monthly bill of commencement of Operation and Management period under operator contract
3. **For new connections, normal connection charges to be collected in the usual way. Full capital cost to be recovered at Rs.50/- per month** in the monthly bills starting from commencement of Operation and Management period under operator contract
4. **Public stand posts in the DZs to be discontinued / closed completely; only individual house service connections to be encouraged.** For those **poor house holds** who can not afford individual connections, the alternative of **shared connection** may be offered-provided a group of house holds decides to take one & they are able to designate one of them to take all responsibilities for safety of meter, collection from users & payment to Corporation etc.
5. Further, adoption of a policy under development by BWSSB in respect of providing connections to **urban poor**, in the Demonstration Zones of 3 project ULBs is under examination. This may include providing connections to urban poor at lower rates, to be decided later.

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