

Tubewells to get power for eight hours

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 13

The Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam has enforced new power regulatory measures with immediate effect to ensure uninterrupted power supply to agricultural tube wells for eight hours.

An official spokesman said here today that electricity would be supplied in three groups to the tubewell consumers of Ambala, Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Karnal, Panipat, Sonapat, Rohtak, Jhajjar and Jind districts. The first group will be fed from 6 am to 2 pm, second group from 2 pm to 8 pm and the third group from 1 am to 9 am daily.

Haryana for full CST compensation

SHAURYA KARANBIR GURUNG
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 13

The Minister for Excise and Taxation, Kiran Choudhry, today at a meeting of a committee of finance ministers of states in the national capital, demanded full compensation vis-a-vis the Central Sales Tax (CST) claims of Haryana.

According to the Haryana government, there was a compensation claim of Rs 6,639.91 crore from 2007 to 2011. The state has been given Rs 4,105.16 crore. Government officials claim that no compensation has been given for 2011-2012 for

a claim of Rs 1,353.88 crore.

Choudhry said this after a meeting held in the Delhi Secretariat. She added that the arbitrary deduction and stoppage of CST compensation after 2011 had seriously hampered the progress of the introduction of the Goods and Service Tax (GST). Until the GST is implemented, the rate of CST should be restored to the original rate of 4 per cent.

After listening to the views of other states also on the issue of CST compensation claims, Sushil Kumar Modi, Chairman of Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, said the Finance Ministry

was being looked after by the Prime Minister himself now. "We will approach the Prime Minister at the earliest and we hope that due consideration will be given to the problem of states, which are suffering from revenue losses and deductions in the CST compensation claims," Modi said.

Choudhry said there are certain areas in states' taxation domain, which are subject to levy of service tax. They include areas like land and buildings, sale of goods, transport, advertisement, entertainment etc. Such activities should not be subjected to levy of service tax till the introduction of GST.

Raid on infant milk substitute products' wholesaler

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT/TNS

ROHTAK, JULY 13

In what could be the first of its kind development in the state and the country, officials of the Health and Drug Control Department raided the premises of a wholesale distributor of infant milk substitute food products in the city.

The team seized some of the samples of products meant for supply to retailers in the district. The manufacturer and the seller (distributor or retailer) of such products are likely to be booked under various sections of the Infant Milk Substitute Feeding Bottle and Infant Food (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992, which prevents deliberate advertisement and promotion of such products in the market.

A joint team of officials, including the Civil Surgeon, the District Health Officer (DHO), the Food Safety Officer, the Senior Medical Officer and the Senior Drug Inspector, reached the sale-cum-godown office of the wholesale agent of a leading brand at the local Anaj Mandi and seized some of the samples of the food supplement for children.

"The packets and cans containing the food supplements had been labelled in a manner that promoted the use and consumption of such foods for babies up to the age of two years while the Act has banned such promotion," claimed Manmohan Taneja, Senior Drug Inspector. He said the accused dealer, identified as Sat Narayan and Company, was working as a wholesaler dealer of such products.

Officials said some of the

products recovered by the team include PreNan and NanPro (Lactogen-1). While the retail price of NanPro was Rs 370 per unit, Lactogen has been priced at Rs 210 per pack. "The main accused in this case could be the manufacturer and supplier of the products as the state government has already notified to proceed against companies or dealers promoting such products under the provisions of the Act," claimed Dr GL Singhal, the Director-General of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of Haryana, who added that the company could be booked under sections 3 and 6 of the Act for such a violation.

He added that the case would be booked after confirmation of the charges regarding the supply of products labelled in the current form.

BRIEFLY

2 killed in mishap

FARIDABAD: Two persons were killed in separate accidents here on Friday. A speeding private bus rammmed into a motorcycle near Badkal flyover killing the pillion rider. The victim's elder brother, who was driving the motorcycle, was injured in the incident. However, the driver has been arrested. In another accident, a dumper loaded with construction materials ran over a labourer crushing him to death and injuring another in the NIT area. The driver of the dumper fled the scene. — TNS

3 get 7-yr jail

KAITHAL: The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge RS Choudhry awarded seven years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1,000 each to three persons in a robbery case. SP Kuldip Singh said here on Thursday that Bijender Kumar of Dhanouri village was coming to Kaithal on his motorcycle