

**BEFORE THE TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
CHENNAI**

Order No T.O. 1 - 71 dated 06/02/2006

Present :	Hon'ble Thiru. A.Balraj,	Chairman
	Hon'ble Thiru S.Thangarathnam,	Member
	Hon'ble Thiru B.Jayaraman,	Member

In the matter of : Amendment of the provisions under Low Tension tariff I-B in the Tariff Order dated 15.3.2003.

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board , in their letter dated 3.1.2006 have represented the following for the consideration and orders of the Commission .

1. The existing concessional tariff under LT Tariff I-B is applicable to the hut consumers . Government of Tamil Nadu have extended free supply to this category of consumers and are compensating the loss of revenue to TNEB as directed under Commissions Order no T.O 1- 53 dated 1-7-2005.
2. The hut is defined in the tariff order dated 15-3-2003 as “ *Hut means , a living place not exceeding 200 sq ft area with mud wall and thatched roof*”
3. The TNEB desires that the concessional tariff applicable to the hut services as above, may be extended to dwellings which have a living place not exceeding 250 sq ft area with mud wall and thatched roof / tiles

laid on wooden rafter / asbestos roofing / metal sheets like corrugated G.I. sheets roofing. It is also suggested that the scheme be extended to all the special grade panchayats (previously known as town panchayats) as against the existing provision for the town panchayats in Kanyakumari district alone.

4. The number of such services expected to be covered under this scheme is estimated to be 3,00,000 hut consumers. The revenue at the existing tariff rate of Rs.120 per annum / per service will be Rs.3.60 crores per annum.
5. The TNEB have also informed in their Letter No. X / CFC / Dir / T.Cell/Huts / D 033 / 2006 – 02 dated 24.1.2006 that the Government of Tamil Nadu have announced that the Government would extend '**one light scheme**' at a cost of Rs.3.60 crores to provide free power for three lakhs more hutment dwellers living in house with area upto 250 sq.ft. having tiles, asbestos, and tin sheets roofing.
6. The Government of Tamil Nadu in their Letter Ms. No. 15 / 2005 dated 31.1.2006 have also issued the following policy directives under section 108 (1) of the Electricity Act 2003 in the interest of the public of Tamil Nadu.
 - a. The '**one light scheme**' (free power) is extended to hut dwellers coming under all Panchayats, Special Panchayats and also with a living place of not exceeding 250 sq.ft. area (presently 200

sq.ft.) with tiles / asbestos / metal sheets like corrugated GI sheet roofing with effect from **1.1.2006**.

- b. The Government of Tamil Nadu will provide Rs.3.6 crores for a full year towards subsidy for extension of free supply to hut dwellers duly modifying the conditions for effecting supply relating to floor area, roof, etc. The subsidy amount will be paid directly to TNEB, in advance, in quarterly instalments as per section 65 of the Electricity Act 2003, so as to implement the decision of the Government of Tamil Nadu from **1.1.2006**.

7. Having considered the above, the Commission is pleased to order the following,

- (a) The provision under LT Tariff I-B in Sub clause (ii) under Clause 2 of Part 2 (Low Tension Tariff) under para 7.17 (Tariff Schedule) of Tariff order dated 15.3.2003 is amended as

II. “ This tariff is applicable for the huts in village panchayats and special village panchayats, houses constructed under Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam, TAHDCO, and Kamrajar Adi Dravidar housing schemes.”

- (b) The provision under LT Tariff I-B in Sub clause (iii) under Clause 2 of Part 2 (Low Tension Tariff) under para 7.17 (Tariff Schedule) of Tariff order dated 15.3.2003 is amended as –

III. “Hut means a living place not exceeding 250 (two hundred and fifty) square feet area having a single room with mud wall and thatched roof/ tiles / asbestos / metal sheets like corrugated G.I. sheets roofing.”.

- c) The amendment will take effect from **1.1.2006**.
- d) The subsidy payable by the Government of Tamil Nadu to compensate the loss in revenue to TNEB, consequent to extension of 'one light scheme' as per the modifications shall be as below:

Period	Subsidy amount Rs. in crores	Payable by Date
For the quarter ended 31.3.2006	0.90	17.02.2006

- e) The TNEB shall submit proposal for orders on subsidy for the FY 06 – 07 separately along with the proposal for subsidy to other hut and agricultural / domestic consumers.

/ By order of the Commission /

**R. Balasubramanian
Secretary.**

To

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