

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

**Order No T.O. 1 - 76 dated 02/03/2006**

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| <b>Present :</b> | <b>Hon'ble Thiru. A.Balraj,</b>       | <b>Chairman</b> |
|                  | <b>Hon'ble Thiru S.Thangarathnam,</b> | <b>Member</b>   |
|                  | <b>Hon'ble Thiru B.Jeyaraman,</b>     | <b>Member</b>   |

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**In the matter of : Change of Tariff to Youth Hostel, Thanjavur**

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In the letter dated 1.10.2005, the Warden of Youth Hostel, Thanjavur represented the following:

- (i) The Youth Hostels are Joint Venture of Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Government of Tamil Nadu, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) The aim of the Youth Hostels are –
  - a) To provide hostels and other simple accommodation to all, especially young people in their travels and tours to acquire a great knowledge, love and care of the country side, its beauty, sports heritage, historic sites, buildings, etc. and thus to promote their health, rest, education and recreational facilities.
  - b) To provide inter state and international contact without class, colour or creed by providing a meeting ground in the homely, healthy atmosphere of youth hostel and their environment.
  - c) To organize training programmes, cycle trails, environment preservation programme, games, sports and other activities.
  - d) To hold lectures, exhibitions, conferences, seminars and training courses.
  - e) To co-operate with the Youth Hostel Association of their Company, International Youth Hostel Federation and any other International Organisation / Agency having similar aims / objectives and activities.
- (iii) Youth Hostels has to run on no profit no loss basis and they charge Rs.30/- for bonafide students.
- (iv) At present, the electricity for Youth Hostel is being charged at Tariff V.

- (v) The electricity may be charged under Domestic Tariff as stated by the Government of India.
- (vi) The neighbouring States are charging the Youth Hostels at Domestic Tariff.

(2) The warden had also sent an extract of Youth Hostel Manual which reads as follows:

"26. Electricity consumption charges should be at concessional rate and not commercial rate as the Hostels are not commercial units and are run at no profit/ no loss basis." Concessional rate as applicable to Charitable Institutions or domestic supply should be insisted on. The authority concerned may be appraised of the aims and objectives of the Youth Hostel Scheme.

(3) The representation was forwarded to TNEB.

(4) The TNEB in the letter dated 10.01.2006 have stated the following:

- (i) The Youth Hostel at Thanjavur consists of a Reception Room, Office, Multipurpose hall and 10 rooms with 64 beds. Daily rents @ Rs.30/- day from those upto 35 years of age and at Rs.50/- from others are being collected.
- (ii) As per the Youth Hostel Manual issued by the Government of India, electricity charges are to be at concessional rate and not at commercial rate.
- (iii) Since Youth Hostels are collecting concessional fare from students, LT Tariff II B may be adopted.

(5) LT Tariff II B is applicable to Recognised Educational Institutions, Hostels run by Recognised Educational Institutions, Hostels run by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward Class Welfare Department.

(6) The Commission accepts the recommendation of the TNEB and declares that the Youth Hostels be classified under LT Tariff II B.

**(By Order of the Commission)**

**R.Balasubramanian  
Secretary**

To  
The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Chennai 600 002.