

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

**Order No T.O. 1 - 93 dated 19/10/2006**

**Present : Hon'ble Thiru S.Thangarathnam, Member  
Hon'ble Thiru B.Jeyaraman, Member**

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**In the matter of : Change of Tariff to the Rehabilitation Centre of  
Banyan**

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The Founder Trustee of Banyan, an NGO had represented the following to TNEB.

- (a) They provide transit care and rehabilitation to homeless persons with mental illness.
- (b) The Banyan rehabilitates people who are in the process of recovering at Institute of Mental Health based on MOU with Government.
- (c) They have launched a crisis intervention service Dial 100 Mental Health Helpline along with the Police which is a rescue service for persons with mental illness on the streets of Chennai.
- (d) They are working with Government of Tamil Nadu to set up model community Health Centers that will provide mental health at the door steps of remote village so that more people are baled to get right treatment, before they wander away from their homes to live on the streets of an unknown city..
- (e) They are struggling with increasing number of women brought to their door steps and the expenses are increasing resulting in a precarious financial situation.
- (f) There is a residential unit housing over 380 women and staff who cater to their needs. The service to the residential unit is charged at institutional rates which comes to an average of Rs.70000/- a month.
- (g) A concessional tariff may be given to lessen their burden.

(2) The TNEB in the letter dated 18.9.06 informed the following:

- (a) Banyan is a rehabilitation centre for mental illness and electricity is charged at **LT Tariff II B**.
- (b) It is recommended that **LT Tariff I C** may be adopted since it is a charitable organization for mentally retarded persons as a **special case**.
- (3) In this context, the Commission considered the following:
- (i) Banyan is a rehabilitation centre (free of cost) for mentally ill women who are either destitute or discarded. Hence it has been classified under **LT Tariff II B (applicable to Destitute Home besides Educational Institutions)**.
- (ii) **LT Tariff I C** is applicable to LT Bulk supply for Railway Colonies, plantation worker colonies, defence colonies, police quarters and **other notified categories as decided by the Commission from time to time**.
- (iii) The Commission has already classified Charitable Institutions like Foundation for Blind, etc. to **LT Tariff I C**, which carries cost plus tariff.
- (4) Considering the services rendered by Banyan, the Commission accepts the recommendation of the TNEB and declares that **LT SC No. 043-12-1382 of Chennai EDC/ West** be classified under **LT Tariff I C – Notified Category**.

**(By Order of the Commission)**

**Secretary**  
**Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission**

**To**

**The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, 800 Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.**