

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

Order No T.O. 1 - 79 dated 25/04/2006

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

**In the matter of : Concessional Tariff to Tuition Center run by
Thiru S. Saravanakumar, Coimbatore.**

Thiru S. Saravanakumar of Coimbatore in his letter dated 22.8.05 represented the following:

- a. **He is blind by birth (Loss of both eyes 100%)**
 - b. He is conducting coaching classes on "Spoken English". As his house has no sufficient accommodation for the students attending coaching classes, he has constructed a room in the first floor of his house exclusively for conducting spoken English classes.
 - c. **He is collecting no charges from handicapped persons like him and from poor students.**
 - d. He cannot afford to pay charges at commercial tariff for the room constructed exclusively for coaching classes. The tariff for the room may be classified under LT Tariff I A, as a special case, considering his disability (100% blindness) and his future welfare.
- (2) His representation was forwarded to TNEB.
- (3) The TNEB in their letter 2nd cited have stated the following:
- i. The house of Thiru S. Saravanakumar has two services. The services at Ground Floor is charged under LT Tariff I A. The service at the first floor was effected for Tuition Center on 14.9.05 and is charged under LT Tariff V.
 - ii. Coaching charges are collected from students **other than handicapped and low income students.**

- iii. Separate SC has been effected for Tuition Center and it is run on commercial basis for the students other than blind and low income group.
- iv. The Tuition Center cannot be treated as consulting room attached to residence to apply LT Tariff I A.
- v. Since the Tuition Center is not covered under LT Tariff I to IV, LT Tariff V is only applicable.

(4) In this context, the Commission considered the following:

- i. The coaching classes viz. **"Spoken English"** conducted by the blind man cannot be compared to other Tuition Centers.
- ii. He is collecting **no charge from handicapped (blind) and poor students** and he is collecting charges only from those who can afford to pay and this cannot be treated as commercial as the blind man has to eke out his living.
- iii. The Commission has already classified the services to Tamil Nadu Association of Blind, Lotus Blind Welfare Trust of India, Pallavaram and Lotus Foundation for Blind who are all doing service to blind, under LT Tariff I C.
- iv. As Thiru S. Saravanakumar who himself is blind and giving coaching on SPOKEN ENGLISH to handicapped (blind) and poor students free of charges, the Commission declares that the service connected to the coaching centre be classified under LT Tariff I C as a special case.

(By Order of the Commission)

**R. Balasubramanian
Secretary**

To

The Chairman,
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