

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

Order No T.O. 1 - 82 dated 04/05/2006

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

**In the matter of : Extension of supply under SFS for Recycling of
drainage water and using it for Agriculture.**

Thiru S.K. Kannappan, Organizer, 'Malarum Vivasayam' and Urmantrakuzhu ontripu (ஊர் மன்றக்குழு ஒன்றிப்பு) Seyur in Coimbatore District in letter dt. 3.5.2005 and 20.03.2006 represented the following:

- (i) Four Agriculturists of Athupalayam Village in Coimbatore are irrigating their coconut farm by puming the sewage water of the villages collected at Nallatrupallam.
- (ii) On the recommendation of the Collector, the Panchayat and Revenue Divisional Office have permitted to install diesel motor in the place.
- (iii) As the cost of fuel (diesel) is high, they approached the TNEB for electricity service connection.
- (iv) They also made representation to the Grievance Redressal Forum and were informed that the matter had been referred to TNERC.
- (v) In the summer it is necessary to supply water to the coconut trees.

- (vi) The members may be permitted to avail supply under SFS by paying Rs.25,000/-

(2) The representation was referred to the TNEB for their views. The Commission asked the TNEB to inform as to whether Agricultural service connection under SFS could be extended in view of the recycling of sewage water for use in agriculture.

(3) The TNEB in letter dated 13.1.06 (copy received with the letter dt.13.4.06) stated the following:

- (i) Four applications have been received for agriculture service connection at Chettipalayam of Avinashi Division for recycling and using drainage water.
- (ii) At present agricultural services are effected for open well situated in the land which belongs to the applicant. In this case, the **place** from which drainage water is taken for recycling is **not owned by the petitioner.**
- (iii) As per the Commission's Tariff Order dt.15.3.03, the LT Tariff IV (Agriculture) is applicable irrespective of whether the land is owned or leased, if the usage of electricity is for agriculture and the usage is restricted to the owned / leased area.
- (iv) In the instant case, the applicant does not own the land; but the recycled water is used for agriculture and restricted to the owned area.
- (v) It is recommended that agriculture service connection may be effected to those who are using the drainage water as per seniority of pending applications under normal / SFS category as per applicant's choice.

(4) The Commission accepts the recommendation of the TNEB to extend agricultural service connection to pump the drainage water for the purpose of recycling and using the recycled water for Agricultural purpose.

(5) In view of the environmental advantage and reduction in exploitation of ground water, the Commission orders that the application for such service connection under SFS category may be considered specially and separately without clubbing such application with other application for Agricultural service connection (for Agricultural wells) under SFS subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The electricity shall be used to pump drainage water to the purifier to be used for irrigating the land of the applicant.
- (ii) use of electricity from the service connection for any other purpose will be considered as misuse of electricity under section 126 of the Electricity Act 2003 and entail disconnection and levy of compensation charges.

(By Order of the Commission)

**R. Balasubramanian
Secretary**

To
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