

BEFORE THE TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, CHENNAI

Order No T.O. 1 - 98 dated 06/12//2006

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

In the matter of : Tariff to Isha Foundation

The Trustee, Isha Foundation in his letter dt. 7.11.2006 addressed to TNEB had represented the following:

- (i) The Yoga Center is a public service organization imparting yoga to lakhs of people in India and abroad.
- (ii) The centre is recognized as an educational institution by Ministry of Home Affairs and hence the tariff may be changed from Commercial to the tariff applicable to Educational Institutions (LT Tariff II B)

(2) While forwarding the representation, the TNEB have stated the following:

- (i) Two services LTSC No.133 and 296 connected to Isha Foundation are charged under LT Tariff V.
- (ii) The institutions is imparting spiritual yoga programme to Indian and foreign students.
- (iii) The yoga programme comprises meditation, asanas, pranayams and kiriyas. The centre has conducted basic courses at various levels and advance courses like wholeness programs, inner engineering, bhavasapanda, hata yoga and samayama.
- (iv) All the participants are provided with food and accommodation.

- (v) The powerful practices taught in the centre are therapeutic in nature and are healing chronic ailments.
 - (vi) A yoga Research Institute is functioning in the centre to make an objective study of the science of yoga.
 - (vii) Since the electricity is used for prayer, hospital, yoga and allied activities, adoption of **LT Tariff I C** is recommended **as a special case.**
- (3) In this context, the Commission considered the following:
- (i) In view of the activities carried out in the Center, it cannot be classified under **LT Tariff II B** applicable to Educational Institutions.
 - (ii) the Commission has already classified the "**World Community Center and Temple of Consciousness**" founder by Vethathiri Maharisi for similar activities under; **LT Tariff I C** which is applicable to **Notified Category.**
- (4) Hence accepting the recommendations of the TNEB, the Commission declares that **LTSC Nos. 133 and 296** connected to Isha Foundation be classified under **LT Tariff I C.**

Secretary
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission

To

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