

BEFORE THE TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CHENNAI

Order No. 5 of 2024, dated 24 -06-2024

Present: Thiru M. Chandrasekar Chairman

Thiru K. Venkatesan Member

Thiru B. Mohan Member (Legal)

In the matter of: Final Tariff Subsidy Order for FY 2023-24 by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) had issued policy directions under sub-section (1) of section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003, for extension of free supply / concessional tariff to different categories of consumers like Hut consumers, Agricultural consumers, Domestic consumers, Actual Places of Public Worship, Powerloom Consumers, Handloom Consumers and Lift Irrigation Co-operative Societies for Agriculture from 2004 onwards. The Government has also committed to

provide subsidy to meet the shortfall in revenue to TANGEDCO u/s 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

(2) The Commission has determined the provisional tariff subsidy payable for FY 2023-24 by the Government of Tamil Nadu as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

Sr. No.	Categories of Consumers	Subsidy (Rs. in Crores)
1	Domestic (Free supply/Reduction in tariff)	6787.47
2	Agricultural consumers under normal category (Free supply)	5584.62
3	Agricultural consumers under SFS category (Free supply)	1003.08
4	Hut consumers (Free supply)	300.59
5	Actual Place of Public Worship (Reduction in tariff)	16.55
6	Power loom weavers (Free Supply / Reduction in tariff)	531.30
7	Hand Loom Weavers (Free supply)	13.89
8	Lift Irrigation Co-operative Societies (Free supply)	57.11
9	LT Industries	135.76
Total		14,430.37

- 3) The Commission has issued an amendment in Regulation 5(ii) & (vii) of the Procedure for payment of subsidy by the State Government Regulations, 2008 to adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure framed by the Ministry of Power, GoI which has been launched to ensure the compliance of pre-qualifying criteria to avail funds under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. The aforesaid amendment directs the TANGEDCO to reconcile the actual subsidy received with the actual consumption within 60 days from the closure of quarterly accounts and send the proposal for adjustment of subsidy.
- 4) Complying with the aforesaid regulation, TANGEDCO has submitted the actual consumptions data for all the subsidized categories periodically and reconciliations of all quarters have been intimated to TANGEDCO and Government. The consolidated subsidy reconciliation for the 1st quarter of FY 2023-24 has been narrated as follows:

(Rs. in Crs.)

SI. No.	Tariff Category	Provisional subsidy		Actual Subsidy for 1 st quarter	Additional subsidy payable/Excess subsidy recoverable
		Claimed	Approved	Approved	
Addi	tional subsidy pay	rable			
1	Public Worship	4.14	4.14	4.23	0.09
2	Hut Consumers	75.15	75.15	84.87	9.72

ver Loom	132.83	132.83	133.80	0.97
Lift Irrigation	14.28	14.28	14.77	0.49
otal A				11.27
ubsidy recove	rable			
mestic	1696.87	1696.87	1671.81	25.06
i. Normal	1396.16	1396.16	1372.63	23.53
icultural SFS	250.77	250.77	239.48	11.29
ndloom	3.47	3.47	3.31	0.16
luction in ToD rges	33.94	33.94	30.75	3.19
otal B		3607.61	3555.65	63.23
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(A-B): Rs.63.23 Cr. - Rs.11.27 Cr. = Rs.51.96 Crore

The excess subsidy in respect of 1st quarter

5) The Government of Tamil Nadu has reduced the time of day charges from 25% to 15% i.e granted 10% of subsidy for LT (III-B) Industrial categories and the energy tariff has been determined as Rs.7.50/unit for the aforesaid category. Further, the Government of Tamil Nadu, vide its letter No.6129/C2/2023-1 dated 23-11-2023 has notified the subsidy for all the category of consumers in which the table for LT Industries (III-B) has been shown as Rs.0.80/unit. As GoTN provides subsidy of Rs.0.80/unit for reduction of ToD charges from 25% to 15% for LT (III-B) Industrial categories, the subsidy reconciliation carried out during the break

up period i.e from the date of G.O (08-11-2022 to 31-03-2023) and 1^{st} quarter of FY 2023-24 have to be recalculated for the compliance of the aforesaid per unit tariff subsidy fixed by the Government.

6) The actual consumption for the period from 08-11-2022 to 31-03-2023 and 1^{st} quarter of FY 2023-24 i.e from 01-04-2023 to 30-06-2023 were 3064.39 MUs and 2050.33 Mus respectively. As per para 5.30.18 of the tariff order, the ToD charges had been calculated on 20% of total consumptions.

Break up	Consump	Subsidy	Subsidy	Difference	Addl.
Period	tion	Approve	Approved by	(Rs.)	Subsidy
	(Mus)	d by the	the		(Rs.in
		GoTN	Commission		Crs)
08-11-2022	3064.39 x	0.80/unit	0.75/unit	0.05/unit	3.06
to 31-03-	20% =				
2023	612.88				
1 st quarter of	2050.33 x	0.80/unit	0.75/unit	0.05/unit	2.05
FY 2023-24	20%				
	=410.07				
		Total			5.11

7) The subsidy reconciliation for the 2^{nd} quarter of FY 2023-24 has been narrated as follows:

Subsidy Reconciliation for the 2nd Quarter of Financial Year 2023-24 (Rs. in Crs.)

Iditional subsidy ble/Excess subsidy soverable
7.48
0.12
9.67
0.10
3.88
0.31
21.56
23.47
7.01

9	Powerloom	132.83	2.84	135.67	135.07	0.60			
Tot	al			3739.11	3729.59	31.08			
Exc	ess subsidy		9.52 Crs.						
(A-	B): Rs.21.56	6 CrsRs.31	.08 Crs. =	Rs.9.52 Cro	res				
The	The excess subsidy in respect of 2 nd quarter								

8) The subsidy reconciliation for the 3^{rd} quarter of FY 2023-24 has been narrated as follows:

Consolidation of Subsidy Reconciliation for the 3rd Quarter of Financial Year 2023-24

(Rs. in Crs.)

SI. No.	Tariff Category	Provisional subsidy	Additional subsidy	Total Provisional subsidy approved	Actual subsidy for 3 rd quarter	Additional subsidy payable/Excess subsidy recoverable			
Add	litional subsi	idy payable							
1	Domestic	1696.87	89.35	1786.22	1793.96	7.74			
2	Hut	75.15	1.75	76.90	86.38	9.48			
3	Public Worship	4.14	0.14	4.28	4.42	0.14			
4	Network charges	1.04	0.00	1.04	1.09	0.05			
Tot	al A					17.41			
Exc	Excess subsidy recoverable								
5	Com.Supply	6.18	0.00	6.18	0.56	5.62			
6	Agri.	1396.16	31.46	1427.62	1404.75	22.87			

	Normal					
7	Agri. SFS	250.77	5.65	256.42	252.24	4.18
8	Powerloom	132.83	2.84	135.67	134.87	0.80
9	Handloom	3.47	0.00	3.47	3.41	0.06
10	Lift Irg	14.28	0.31	14.59	10.43	4.16
11	ToD charge	33.94	26.82	60.76	53.70	7.06
Tot	al			3773.15	3745.81	44.75
Excess subsidy 27.34 Crs.						
	B) (Rs.17.41-F B rd quarter.	respect	27.34			

9) The subsidy reconciliation for the 4^{th} quarter of FY 2023-24 has been narrated as follows:

Consolidation of Subsidy Reconciliation for the 4th Quarter of Financial Year 2023-24

(Rs. in Crs.)

SI. No.	Tariff Category ditional subs	Provisional subsidy idy payable	Additional subsidy	Provisional	Actual subsidy for 4 th quarter	Additional subsidy payable/Excess subsidy recoverable
1	Hut Consumers	75.14	1.76	76.90	86.34	9.44
2	Public Worship	4.13	0.15	4.28	4.62	0.34
3	Lift Irrigation	14.27	0.30	14.57	15.07	0.50

4	Network charges	1.82	0.00	1.82	2.05	0.23
Tot	al A					10.51
Exc	ess subsidy r	ecoverable				
5	Domestic	1696.86	89.34	1786.20	1754.73	31.47
6	Common Supply	9.23	0.00	9.23	5.52	3.71
7	Agri. Normal	1396.14	31.47	1427.61	1405.64	21.97
8	Agricultural SFS	250.77	5.65	256.42	254.97	1.45
9	Powerloom	132.81	2.83	135.64	130.05	5.59
10	Handloom	3.48	0.00	3.48	2.97	0.51
11	ToD charges	33.94	46.94	80.88	73.25	7.63
Tot	al			3797.03	3735.21	72.33
Exc	Crs.					
(A-		61.82				

10) The details of excess / additional subsidy to be payable by the Government relating to four quarters are as follows :

SI. No.	2 ,	subsidy for 1 st	subsidy for 2 nd	subsidy for 3 rd	subsidy	Total quarter- wise actual subsidy
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1	Domestic	1671.81	1793.70	1793.96	1754.73	7014.20
2	Common Supply	0.00	0.00	0.56	5.52	6.08
3	Agri. Normal	1372.63	1404.15	1404.75	1405.64	5587.17
4	Agri. SFS	239.48	249.41	252.24	254.97	996.10
5	Hut	84.87	86.57	86.38	86.34	344.16
6	Public Worship	4.23	4.40	4.42	4.62	17.67
7	Power loom	133.80	135.07	134.87	130.05	533.79
8	Hand Loom	3.31	3.57	3.41	2.97	13.26
9	Lift Irrigation	14.77	18.47	10.43	15.07	58.74
10	LT Industries	30.75	34.25	53.70	73.25	191.95
11	Network charges	0.00	0.00	1.09	2.05	3.14
Tota	al	3555.65	3729.59	3745.81	3735.21	14766.26
	visional sidy received	3607.61	3739.11	3773.15	3797.03	*14916.90
Exc	ess subsidy	51.96	9.52	27.34	61.82	

*Provisional subsidy included additional subsidy due to revision of tariff and as per Order No.10 of 2023, the further provisional subsidy has been issued due to lifting of ToD charges till installation of smart meters, Reduction in tariff rate to certain categories of Multi-tenements consumers

under LT Tariff ID as LT IE and Reduction in Solar Roof Top Network Charges by 50% for MSME Industries i.e Rs.14,430.37+394.50+73.76+15.41+2.86.

- 11) TANGEDCO has submitted their quarterly accounts periodically and reconciliations have also been carried out by stating to adjust the excess / additional subsidy in the ensuing quarters i.e 1^{st} quarter's excess / additional subsidy in the 3^{rd} quarter of the same financial year likewise the 2^{nd} quarter's excess / additional subsidy in the 4^{th} quarter of the same financial year.
- 12) The Ministry of Power, Government of India has framed the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure the compliance of prequalifying criteria to avail funds under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. The clause 3.1.3 (xviii) of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) states as follows:

"An annual reconciliation activity shall be carried out at the end of financial year by the DISCOMs and the State Finance Department for all the claims during the year, which shall be completed within a period of 2 months of the expiry of the relevant financial year."

By complying with the clause contained in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), the Final Subsidy Order for the FY 2023-24 has been issued based on the actual consumptions data relating to all the four quarters furnished by TANGEDCO.

FINAL TARIFF SUBSIDY ORDER FOR FY 2023-24

(Rs. in Crs)

Category	Provisio nal subsidy	Addl. Subsidy Due to revision	Total Provisio nal subsidy	Actual subsidy from four quarter	Excess subsidy to be adjusted	Addl. Subsidy to be received
Domestic	6787.47	268.04	7055.51	7014.20	41.31	
Common supply	0.00	0.00	15.41	6.08	9.33	
Agri. Normal	5584.62	94.39	5679.01	5587.17	91.84	
Agri. SFS	1003.08	16.95	1020.03	996.10	23.93	
Hut	300.59	5.26	305.85	344.16		38.31
Actual Place of Public Worship	16.55	0.43	16.98	17.67		0.69
Power loom	531.30	8.51	539.81	533.79	6.02	
Hand Loom	13.89	0.00	13.89	13.26	0.63	
Lift Irrigation	57.11	0.92	58.03	58.74		0.71
LT Industries	135.76	0.00	(135.76+ 73.76) = 209.52	191.95	17.57	
Network charges	0.00	0.00	2.86	3.14		0.28
Total	14430.37		14916.90		190.63	39.99
	eriod – Due t stated in par		of Rs.0.80/u	nit of ToD		5.11
charges as stated in para 5 above. Total					190.63	45.10
Excess subsidy to be adjusted in the 2 nd quarter of FY 2024-25						145.53

If TANGEDCO and GoTN have already adjusted the	88.82
excess / additional subsidy relating to 1st quarter,	
2 nd quarter and 3 rd quarter of FY 2023-24.	
(51.96+9.52+27.34)=88.82 Crores, the balance subsidy	
to be adjusted has been quantified as below.	
Balance Excess Subsidy relating to 4 th quarter of FY	56.71
2023-24 to be adjusted in the 2 nd quarter of FY	
2024-25	

Therefore, the Commission directs the TANGEDCO and GoTN to adjust the excess subsidy as stated supra pertaining to FY 2023-24 in the 2^{nd} quarter of Financial Year 2024-25.

(By Order of the Commission)

Secretary
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission