

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

Order No T.O. 1 - 74 dated 20/02/2006

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

**In the matter of : Change of Tariff to Tamil Nadu State Legal
Services Authority (LTSC No.104 – 21 – 517)**

In the letter dated 11.8.2005, the Member Secretary of the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority represented the following:

- (i) The State Legal Services Authority is a statutory body constituted under the Legal Authorities Act, 1987 for providing legal assistance to the poor, downtrodden, women, children, SC / ST, victims of natural calamities, physically handicapped etc.
- (ii) The Authority is also disseminating the rights of the public under various legislations by organizing Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps.
- (iii) They are also organizing Lok Adalat.
- (iv) All the expenses of the Authority is met by the grant from Government and the Authority does not generate any income to the Government as the services are rendered free.
- (v) The electricity service connected to the newly constructed Satta Udhavi Maiyam is charged under Commercial Tariff.
- (vi) The Commercial Tariff may be converted into **domestic tariff** so that the grant collected for rendering free legal services to the poor, under privileged, down trodden can be better utilized.

- (2) The representation was forwarded to TNEB for their remarks.
- (3) The TNEB in their letter dated 29.12.2005, have stated the following:
 - (i) The electricity supply in the service connection is used for the following purpose.
 - (a) Office
 - (b) Family cases and various court activities
 - (c) Lok Adalat (being conducted for about 10 days every month)
 - (ii) As per the Tariff Order dated 15.03.2003, **LT Tariff I A – Domestic Tariff** is applicable to Consulting Rooms of Professionals including Lawyers and the Satta Udhavi Maiyam cannot be treated as Consulting Room.
 - (iii) The applicable tariff to the Satta Udhavi Maiyam is **LT Tariff V** as the Maiyam is not covered under **LT Tariff I A to LT Tariff IV**. It comes under Government Office category as the energy is used for office purpose.
 - (iv) However as the Tamil Nadu State Legal Service Authority is providing free services to poor and down trodden, it is suggested that TNERC may notify the State Udhavi Maiyam (LT SC No. 104 – 21 – 517 Esplanade Distribution) under **LT Tariff II B** as a special case.
- (4) In the meantime, TNSLSA in the letter dated 19.01.2006, has requested to convert the service from Commercial Tariff to that of concessional rate.
- (5) **LT Tariff II B** is applicable to Recognized Educational Institutions, hostels run by such institutions, and also run by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government Hospitals and

Hospitals run by Local Bodies, Research Institutions, etc. and **such other institutions declared by the Commission from time to time.**

(6) The Commission accepts the suggestion of the TNEB and declare that the LT Service Connection **No. 104 – 21 -517** (Esplanade Distribution) provided to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Service Authority be classified under **LT Tariff II B.**

(By Order of the Commission)

**R.Balasubramanian
Secretary**

To

The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Chennai 600 002.