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PRESS RELEASE

To avoid loss of human lives by Electrical accidents, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has mandated the provision of RCD (Residual Current Device) in the Regulation 16(2A) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code, in all the new electricity service connections.

In view of increasing trend of electrical accidents and loss of human lives particularly during rainy seasons, the Commission requests all the consumers of existing services are also to install RCD in their premises to save the precious lives of inmates from electrical accidents.

2. In the last few months of rainy seasons, several electrical accidents were occurred, resulting in electrocution of loss of life. The accidents occurred are;

- (i) When a couple touched the iron gate of an apartment.
- (ii) When an employee of shop attempted to lift the shutter.
- (iii) When a women in a house attempted to dry the wet clothes on a wire.
- (iv) When a boy touched a street light pole in a park.
- (v) When a Govt. Servant attempted to switch on a motor while raining.
- (vi) When a student attempted to repair the UPS in his house.

These are all only a few and not an exhaustive examples. All the above accidents would have been averted if the RCD is installed in the service connection mains. Spending few thousands in installing the RCD would save the priceless human lives.

3. Therefore all the existing consumers irrespective of category i.e. house, shop, industry, farmhouse, educational institutions and public convenience are advised to install the RCD in their respective premises, which is a basic need for human safety.



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