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## **Press Release**

In order to provide major relief to small and medium scale industries and promote industrialization and ease of doing business , The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has notified amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code and Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code, raising the limit of electricity demand in the Low Tension category to 150KW from the erstwhile limit of 112KW.

The salient features of the amendments:

- Now onwards the industrial and other consumers can avail supply in the Low Tension category of supply for demand up to 150 KW.
- Consumers with demand up to the earlier limit of 112KW will continue to remain with the erstwhile LT tariff and corresponding terms and conditions.
- Consumers requiring the demand above 112 KW can now avail Low Tension supply up to 150 KW, provided they offer space for erection of a Distribution Transformer inside their premises and pay current consumption and demand charges as that of HT tariff .
- The cost of Distribution Transformer and accessories along with the cost of their erection shall be borne by the Licensee.
- The cost of portion of HT and LT lines or cables to be erected inside the consumer premises shall be borne by the applicant.

- Wherever possible, the single pole type Distribution Transformer structure may be erected to save space and cost.
- The principle of levy of excess demand charges for the consumers with demand up to 112 KW and for those with demand above 112 KW but less than or equal to 150 KW is same.
- If the recorded demand exceeds the amended ceiling limit of 150KW for the third time or more, notice shall be issued to the consumers for conversion of their LT service to HT service.
- Prior to the amendment, consumers could avail supply under Low Tension category only up to 112 KW and were paying substantial penalty charges whenever the sanctioned demand exceeded the 112KW limit, for want of financial requirement to avail HT supply beyond 112KW. Now, those consumers can opt to avail LT supply up to 150KW and avoid penalty.
- Also, erecting the Distribution Transformer at load end reduces technical loss to greater extent and improves the voltage profile and system stability. Further, reduced LT line length improves HT/LT line ratio and minimizes supply interruption to the consumers as well.

The amendments published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated 01.07.2020 , has been hosted in the Commission's website [www.tnerc.gov.in](http://www.tnerc.gov.in) under the head 'Regulations'.

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