

**TAMILNADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**Publication of particulars under section 4 (1) (b) of the Right to Information Act**

**1. Particulars of Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, its functions and Duties**

(a) Particulars of the Commission

The Government of Tamil Nadu had constituted the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) in G.O Ms No 58 Energy (A1) Department dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 1999 in accordance with Section 17(1) of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act 1998 (Central Act 14 of 1998), which has since been repealed by Section 82(1) of the Electricity Act 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003). However, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission established under the said repealed Central Act 14 of 1998 continues to be the State Electricity Regulatory Commission by virtue of the proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003). The Commission is empowered to make Regulations for the conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its functions. As per section 95 of Electricity Act 2003, all proceedings before the Commission are deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meaning of Sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code (Act 45 of 1860). The same provision declares that the Commission is deemed to be a Civil Court for the purposes of Section 345 and 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 (Act 2 of 1974). Section 105 of the Electricity Act 2003 stipulates that the State Commission shall prepare each year an annual report giving a summary of its activities during the previous year and forward it to the State Government. The Annual Report shall be placed before the State Legislature.

As per Section 82(4) of the Electricity Act 2003, the Commission shall consist of not more than three members, including the Chairperson. Consequent to the demitting of office by Thiru S. Kabilan, IAS (retired) Chairman, TNERC on completion of five years term on 2.1.2012 as per Section 89(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Government had constituted a Selection Committee as per Section 85 of Electricity Act, 2003 for selection of the Chairman of TNERC vide GO Ms. No. 14 Energy (A1) department dated 27.2.2014. Based on the recommendations

of the Selection Committee, the Government in G.O. Ms. No.41, Energy (D1) Department dated 6.6.2014 have appointed Thiru. S. Akshayakumar as Chairman of Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission under sub-section (5) of Section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Thiru K. Venugopal, Member, TNERC on completion of five years term of office as per section 89(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 had demitted office on 15-7-2013. As per section 85 of the Electricity Act, 2003 the Government have Constituted a Selection Committee for selection of the Member of TNERC in G.O. Ms. No.95, Energy (D1) Department dated 26.9.2013. Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, the Government G.O. Ms No. 111 Energy (D1) department dated 31.12.2013 have appointed Thiru G. Rajagopal, Director (Finance), TANGEDCO as Member of TNERC under sub-section (5) of Section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003. He assumed charge as Member, TNERC on 10.1.2014.

Thiru S. Nagalsamy is continuing as Member of TNERC from 21.9.2010.

The contact address, telephone numbers, fax, website and email address of TNERC are given below.

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#### **(b) Functions of the Commission**

As provided for in the Electricity Act 2003, (hereunder called the "Act") the Commission's functions, as per section 86 of the Act are:

**(1) (a)** to determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity, wholesale, bulk or retail, as the case may be, within the State:

Provided that where open access has been permitted to a category of consumers under section 42, the Commission shall determine only the

wheeling charges and surcharge thereon, if any, for the said category of consumers;

**(b)** to regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution and supply within the State;

**(c)** to facilitate intra-state transmission and wheeling of electricity;

**(d)** to issue licenses to persons seeking to act as transmission licensees, distribution licensees and electricity traders with respect to their operations within the State;

**(e)** to promote cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify, for purchase of electricity from such sources, a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee;

**(f)** to adjudicate upon the disputes between the licensees, and generating companies and to refer any dispute for arbitration;

**(g)** to levy fee for the purposes of this Act;

**(h)** to specify State Grid Code consistent with the Grid Code specified under clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 79;

**(i)** to specify or enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees;

**(j)** to fix the trading margin in the intra-State trading of electricity, if considered, necessary; and

**(k)** to discharge such other functions as may be assigned to it under this Act.

**(2)** The Commission shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely:-

- (i)** promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activities of the electricity industry;
- (ii)** promotion of investment in electricity industry;
- (iii)** reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State

(iv) matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to the State Commission by that Government.

(3) The Commission shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.

(4) In discharge of its functions the Commission shall be guided by the Act, National Electricity Policy, National Electricity Plan and Tariff Policy.

## **2. Powers and Duties of Commission's officers and employees**

### **(a) Chairman and Members**

As the Chairman and the Members constitute the Commission, the powers of the Chairman and Members are that of the Commission. The following are the powers of the Commission as provided for in sections 94 to 96 of the Act.

(1) The Appropriate Commission shall, for the purposes of any inquiry or proceedings under this Act, have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 in respect of the following matters, namely: -

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
- (b) discovery and production of any document or other material object producible as evidence;
- (c) receiving evidence on affidavits;
- (d) requisitioning of any public record;
- (e) issuing summons for the examination of witnesses;
- (f) reviewing its decisions, directions and orders;
- (g) any other matter which may be prescribed.

(2) The Appropriate Commission shall have the powers to pass such interim order in any proceeding, hearing or matter before the Appropriate Commission, as the Commission may consider appropriate.

(3) The Appropriate Commission may authorize any person, as it deems fit, to represent the interest of the consumers in the proceedings before it.

(4) All proceedings before the Appropriate Commission shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code and the Appropriate Commission shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purposes of sections 345 and 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

(5) The Appropriate Commission or any officer, not below the rank of a Gazetted Officer specially authorized in this behalf by the Commission, may enter any building or place where the Commission has reason to believe that any document relating to the subject matter of the inquiry may be found, and may seize any such document or take extracts or copies there from subject to the provisions of section 100 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, in so far as it may be applicable.

The duties of the Commission are to carryout the functions as stipulated under Section 86 of the Electricity Act 2003.

**(b)Secretary**

The powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commission has been specified by the Commission as provided for under Regulation 9 of TNERC Conduct of Business Regulations 2004 and powers and duties of Secretary Regulations-2004 as detailed below:

**(i) Administration**

(1) The Secretary shall be the Principal Officer and spokesperson of the Commission.

(2) Secretary shall be responsible for General Administration, attendance and upkeep of office of the Commission.

(3) All the correspondences to the Commission and from the Commission shall be in the name of the Secretary.

(4) Secretary shall be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the Commission.

(5) Secretary shall have the custody of seals and records.

(6) Secretary shall allocate the work among the different officers and staff of the Commission.

(7) Secretary shall issue orders of appointment for all categories subject to the selection procedures under TNERC Service Regulations.(\* To be issued separately)

(8) Secretary shall declare commencement and completion of probation of staff and officers who are required to be placed under a period of probation as per the TNERC Service Regulations.

(9) Secretary is empowered to sanction increment to the staff and officers of the Commission.

(10) Secretary is empowered to sanction all kinds of leave to the officers and staff of the Commission.

**(ii) Accounts and Finance**

(1) Secretary shall pass all the entitlement claims and other bills for supply and works without any monetary limit and draw cheques for the claim / bills admitted / passed and also for office maintenance expenses.

(2) Secretary is empowered to call for and process tenders for procurement of material and execution of work in accordance with the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998 and Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Rules 2000 and in accordance with TNERC Tender Procedure approved by the Commission as well as in TNERC – Appointment of Consultant Regulations 2004.

(3) Secretary shall cause preparation of Budget in each financial year showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Commission for the next financial year and forward the same to Government of Tamil Nadu as required in Section 106 of the Act.

(4) Secretary shall ensure that the expenditure is covered under Budget provision.

(5) Secretary shall ensure the maintaining of proper accounts and other relevant records and preparation of Annual Statement of Accounts in the prescribed format for each financial year. The Annual Statement of Accounts shall be got audited by the Accountant General. The Certified Annual Statement of Accounts shall be forwarded to the Government of Tamil Nadu to be laid before the State Legislature.

(6) Secretary shall ensure preparation of Annual Reports every year in the prescribed format. The Annual Report shall be forwarded to the Government of Tamil Nadu to be laid before the State Legislature.

(7) As drawing officer, Secretary is responsible for proper maintenance of Bank Account and drawal of cheque. Secretary shall verify and certify closing balance of cash on hand and at bank every month.

(8) Secretary shall make all payments by drawing cheques.

(9) To ensure compliance of above duties, Secretary shall allocate the works suitably among the subordinate officers and staff for their accountability.

**(iii) Conduct of Business**

(1) Secretary shall receive and cause to receive all petitions, applications or references on behalf of the Commission and arrange for their acknowledgement.

(2) Secretary shall assist the Commission in the conduct of the proceedings and cause to prepare brief and summarize all pleadings before the Commission.

(3) Secretary shall cause issuance of notices of enquiry by the Commission.

(4) Secretary shall arrange convening of Commission's meetings and place the matter before the Commission for consideration and orders.

(5) Secretary shall prepare minutes of meetings of the Commission and record the decision of the Commission in the Minutes Book maintained for the purpose.

(6) Secretary shall authenticate all orders and decisions of the Commission.

(7) Secretary shall issue certified copies of the orders passed by the Commission.

(8) Secretary shall ensure enforcement and compliance of orders passed by the Commission by the persons concerned in accordance with the provision of the Act and Regulations and if necessary may seek orders of the Commission for direction.

(9) Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary to the State Advisory Committee and convene Committee meetings after giving 14 days notice to the members.

(10) Secretary shall place the notes if any received from the members before the Advisory Committee. Secretary shall arrange to record the minutes of the Committee meeting.

**(c) Director (Engineering)**

1. Assisting the Commission in decision making process related to the functions of the Commission as provided in the Electricity Act, 2003.
2. Preparation of tariff orders and case orders under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
3. Framing of Regulations/ Codes and amendments under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
4. Collection, maintenance and processing of data for Commission's decision making process.
5. Monitoring the activities of the licensees and generating companies as stipulated in the Act, Regulations/Codes and orders made there under.
6. Monitoring the compliance of the directives and orders of the Commission by the licensees.
7. Reply to the questions raised in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislative Assembly and queries under Right to Information Act & consumer representations.

**(d) Director(Tariff)**

1. Assist the Commission for all the matters relating to tariff such as analysis of ARR and tariff petitions, tariff for renewable sources of energy etc.
2. Issue of clarifications in tariff and also issue of orders in change in tariff categorization. Follow up of directions issued in the tariff order.
3. Amendment of various regulations of the Commission.
4. Issue of Trading License.

**(e) Director(Legal)**

1. Assist the Commission in all the legal matters and in drafting on the direction of the Commission orders in regard to various petitions filed before the Commission.
2. Drafting of counter-affidavits, Memorandum of reply etc., to various WPs filed before the High Court, Madras, SLP / Civil Appeals filed before the Supreme Court wherein the Commission is a respondent and decide to contest and in all appeals filed before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, New-Delhi against the orders passed by the Commission.
3. Attending to such other legal work assigned by the commission from time to time.



**(f) Deputy Director(Engineering)-I**

- 1 Transmission Planning
- 2 Ring Fencing of SLDC
- 3 Intra State Open Access Regulation and Amendments
- 4 Open Access Charges orders and Implementation
- 5 ABT Order and its implementation
- 6 UI Charges
- 7 Grid Code and its amendments
- 8 Monitoring reports on Transmission and Distribution
- 9 Norms, Benchmarks and Performance of Transmission and Distribution Licensees
- 10 Capital Investment Plan - Transmission
- 11 Tariff Order - Directives - Followup
- 12 Biogas energy orders and related correspondence
- 13 RTI replies
- 14 Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha questions
- 15 National Electricity Plan – Follow up action
- 16 Wind Energy Tariff Order and related correspondences

**(g) Deputy Director(Engineering)-II**

- 1 Generation Planning & new projects monitoring
- 2 Capital Investment Plan - Generation
- 3 Monitoring reports on generating stations
- 4 Norms, Benchmarks and Performance of generating stations
- 5 CGRF regulation & amendments and monitoring of performance of CGRFs
- 6 CGRF / Ombudsman Correspondences
- 7 DSOP Regulations - Implementation & Amendments
- 8 Licensing Regulations - Related issue
- 9 CGP order - Implementation & Amendments
- 10 NCES Regulation and Amendments
- 11 Solar Energy orders and related correspondence
- 12 Stand Alone Systems
- 13 RTI replies
- 14 Consumer advocacy and handling of complaints

**(h) Deputy Director(Tariff)-I**

Assisting the Director(Tariff) in matter relating to transmission tariff and other related works.

**(i) Deputy Director(Tariff)-II**

Assisting the Director (Tariff) for all the matters relating to generation and distribution tariff and other related works.

**(j) Assistant Director(Statistical Analyst)**

- 1 Distribution Code - Implementation & Amendments
- 2 Supply Code – Implementation & Amendments
- 3 Capital Investment Plan - Distribution
- 4 AT&C and T&D Losses - Target & monitoring
- 5 Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Questions
- 6 CEA Correspondence
- 7 DSM, Energy Audit and Energy Efficiency
- 8 Reliability Index (RI) target and monitoring
- 9 Meter related issues, orders and correspondences
- 10 Unmetered consumption
- 11 Harmonics
- 12 kVAh Billing
- 13 Restriction and control
- 14 Distribution Planning
- 15 Code Review Panel
- 16 RTI Replies

**(k) Assistant Director(Computer)**

- 1 Website Maintenance of commission - Uploading of Commission's orders / Cause List / regulations / consultative papers, press release etc
- 2 Website Maintenance of Ombudsman - Uploading of Ombudsman orders, Cause list
- 3 Maintenance of Internet & LAN
- 4 Arrangements for PPT presentation for all Commission's meetings
- 5 Development of software applications / Utility softwares
- 6 Daily Grid Report - Daily generation report to be presented to the Commission
- 7 Procurement and maintenance of Hardware and software

- 8 Providing support for Compilation of Quartely returns related to CGRF & Ombudsman
- 9 IT security aspects

**(l) Assistant Director(Finance & Economic Analyst)**

1. Assisting Deputy Director(Tariff) in all the tariff matters & maintenance of data relating to Tariff of different states.

**(n) Deputy Director (Legal)**

1. Assisting the Director (Legal) in official functions.
2. Perusal of petitions filed before the Commission for admission.
3. Preparation of counter affidavits in regard to petitions filed before the High Court, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, Supreme Court and other Fora.
4. Attending Commission's Court work and other related work of the Commission.
5. Work relating to gazetting of Commission's notifications.
6. Any other work specially assigned by the Commission, Secretary or the Director (legal).

**(m) Assistant Secretary**

1. All administrative matters.
2. Follow up works with the Government.
3. Arranging State Advisory Committee Meeting and State Co-ordination Forum meeting.
4. Matters relating to FOIR, FOR and SERF.

**(n) Accounts Officer**

1. Supervision of accounts.
2. Preparation of Annual Accounts, Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and FMA of the Commission
3. Submitting the Annual Accounts of the Commission for Accountant General's audit and obtaining the Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under section 104(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for the respective financial yers.

**(o) Public Relations Officer**

1. Work related to Public Relations and Press / Media.
2. Arrangements of meetings and conferences.
3. Maintenance of building, vehicles and equipments

4. Information Officer under Right to Information Act-2005
5. Newspaper cuttings

**(p) Private Secretary**

Attending to all establishment papers / works of the Commission.

**(q) Personal Assistant- 1**

Assisting to all the secretarial works of Chairman.

**(r) Personal Assistant- 2 & 3**

Assisting to all the secretarial works of the two Members.

**(s) Personal Assistant- 4**

Assisting to all the secretarial works of Secretary.

**(t) Personal Assistant- 5**

Assisting to all the secretarial works of the Director (Tariff)

**(u) Personal Assistant - 6**

Assisting to all the secretarial works of the Director (Engineering)

**(v) Personal Assistant to Electricity Ombudsman**

Assisting to all the secretarial works of the Electricity Ombudsman

**(w) Assistant I**

Assisting to all the Accounts works of the Commission.

**(vi) Assistant II**

Assisting the Administration section of the Commission.

**(x) Receptionist cum-Telephone Operator**

1. Telephone operation, receipt of inward tapals and despatch works.
2. Issue and receipt of library books.
3. Issue of stationery.

**(y) Bench Assistant**

1. Assisting the Commission, Secretary, Director (Legal) in relation to the court hearings.
2. Assisting the Director (Legal) in the scrutiny of petitions filed before the Commission for admission.
3. Attending to Commission's court work, such as listing of cases, preparing cause lists and issue of certified copies of orders to the petitioners / respondents.
4. Any other work assigned by the Commission, Secretary or Director (Legal).

**(z) Consultant (Land) cum Translator**

Assisting the Secretary in procurement of land for construction of own building and for translating works of the Commission

**3. Procedures followed in decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability.**

**(1) Procedures followed in decision making process:** The Commission has to comply with the following statutory provisions contained in the Act in its decision making process:

- (a)** Section 86 (4) of the Electricity Act 2003 stipulates that in the discharge of its functions, the State Commission shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy, National Electricity Plan and Tariff Policy published under section 3.
- (b)** Section 86 (3) of the said Act stipulates that the State Commission shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.
- (c)** Chapter II of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission Conduct of Business Regulations 2004 (hereinafter referred to shortly as CBR) contains elaborate provisions for the conduct of business of the Commission's Regulations.
- (d)** Regulation 11 (1) of the CBR stipulates that *" the Commission may from time to time hold such proceedings as it may consider appropriate in the discharge of its functions under the Act. The Commission may appoint an Officer or any other person whom the Commission considers appropriate to represent the matter as Commission's representative in the proceedings."*
- (e)** As per regulation 11 (2) of the CBR *"all matters which the Commission is required under the Act to undertake and discharge through hearings of the affected parties and such other matter as the Commission may consider appropriate shall be done through proceedings."*
- (f)** As per Regulation 11 (3) of CBR. *"all other matters may be decided by the Commission administratively through the meeting of the Chairperson and Members or by such other officers or persons to whom the powers and functions have been delegated."*

(g) The decision of the Commission shall be through majority of votes as provided in section 92 (3) of the Electricity Act 2003.

**(2) Channels of supervision and accountability.**

(a) As per section 111 of the Act, any person aggrieved by an order made by the Appropriate Commission under this Act may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity and a further appeal lies to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India under Section 125 of Electricity Act, 2003.

(b) As per section 182 of the Act, every regulation made by the State Commission shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature where it consists of two Houses, or where such Legislature consists of one House, before that House.

(c) As stipulated under section 104 (4), the accounts of the State Commission, as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any other person appointed by him in this behalf, together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the State Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid, as soon as may be after it is received, before the State Legislature.

(d) As per section 105 of the Act, the State Commission shall prepare once every year in such form and at such time as may be prescribed, an annual report giving a summary of its activities during the previous year and copies of the report shall be forwarded to the State Government for placing before the State Legislature.

**4. The norms set by the Commission for discharging its functions.**

The Electricity Act 2003 is the binding Act for all the activities of the Commission. The regulations specified by the Commission and the rules framed by the State Government under the Act also set norms / procedures to be followed by the Commission.

Commission also follows the guidelines laid down in National Electricity Policy and plan, Tariff Policy and other rules and guidelines issued by the Government, CEA and CERC under the Act.

**5. Rules, Regulations, Manuals, Records held by the Commission or used by its employees for discharging its functions**

1. Electricity Act 2003
2. Conduct of Business Regulations
3. Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code
4. Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code
5. State Advisory Committee Regulations
6. Appointment of Consultants Regulations
7. Fees and Fines Regulations 2004
8. Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Standards of Performance Regulations
9. Tamil Nadu Electricity Grid Code
10. Licensing Regulations-2005
11. Intra State Open Access Regulations
12. (Terms and Conditions for determination of Tariff) Regulations 2005.
13. Regulations for Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Electricity Ombudsman.
14. Powers and Duties of Secretary Regulations.
15. Guidelines laid down in National Electricity Policy and plan, Tariff Policy and other rules and guidelines issued by the appropriate Government, CEA and CERC under the Act.
16. Renewable Sources of Energy Regulations.
17. (Terms and conditions for determination of Tariff for Intra-State Transmission / Distribution of Electricity under MYT Framework) Regulations 2009.
18. Manner of payment of subsidy by GOTN Regulations.
19. Solar Energy Regulation.

**6. Statement of categories of documents held by the Commission**

- a) Petitions received from the licensee and generating companies and orders passed thereon.
- b) Petitions received from other stakeholders and orders passed thereon.

- c) Draft or final regulations, codes, amendments and staff papers issued by the Commission
- d) Correspondence with Stakeholders, other ERCs, Governments etc.
- e) Audit reports of Accountant General and annual accounts.
- f) Documents related to administration, finance and other internal functions of the Commission.
- g) Minutes of the Commission, SAC and other meetings.
- h) Annual reports and Audited Annual Accounts submitted to Government for placing before the State Legislature

**7. Particulars of arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, members of the public in relation to formulation of its policy or implementation thereof.**

As per Section 64 (3) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission invites suggestions & objections from the public before finalizing tariff orders and in case of codes, regulations or any other matters that merits the eliciting of the views of the public and also on any issue which affects considerably the interest of the consumers / public, the Commission may invite suggestions and objections, if necessary. The draft codes, regulations, staff papers and petitions are also hosted in the Commission's website for obtaining public suggestions / remarks before finalizing such regulations, codes, staff paper and tariff petitions.

**(8). Statement of Boards, Councils, Committees and others consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of these boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to public , or the minutes of such meeting are accessible to public**

**(a) State Advisory Committee**

The Commission have constituted a State Advisory Committee as per Section 87 of the Electricity Act 2003. The State Advisory Committee consists of the following 25 Members (21 nomination and 4 Ex-officio) to represent the interests of Commerce, industry, transport, agriculture, labour, consumers, non-governmental organizations and academic and research bodies in the electricity sector. The Chairperson of the State Commission is the ex-officio Chairperson of the State Advisory Committee and the Members of the State Commission and the



Secretary to State Government in-charge of ministry or Department dealing with consumer affairs and Public Distribution System are ex-officio members of the Committee.

Ex-officio Members

1. Chairman,  
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission,  
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.
2. Member-I,  
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission,  
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.
3. Member-II,  
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission,  
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.
4. Principal Secretary to Government,  
Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection  
Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

Members

| Sl. No. | Name and Address of the Member  | Area of Interest                 |
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| 1.      | Thiru. Rajesh Lakhoni, I.A.S.,<br>Principal Secretary to Government,<br>Energy Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.  | Government representative        |
| 2.      | Thiru. K. Gnanadesikan, I.A.S.,<br>Chairman & Managing Director,<br>Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Limited and Tamil Nadu<br>Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,<br>144 Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002. | Distribution Licensee            |
| 3.      | Thiru. Sudeep Jain, I.A.S.,<br>Chairman and Managing Director,<br>Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency,<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, EVK Sampath Maaligai,<br>College Road, Chennai 600 006.                       | New and Renewable Energy Sources |
| 4.      | Thiru. K. Gopalakrishnan,<br>President,<br>Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association<br>(TANSTIA), No.10, GST Road, Guindy,  | Small Industries                 |

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|     | Chennai 600 032.   |                                      |
| 5.  | Thiru. Narayan Sethuramon,<br>Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry,<br>(Tamil Nadu), 98/1 Velachery Main Road,<br>Guindy, Chennai 600 032.                                 | Industry                             |
| 6.  | Thiur. R.K. Kulshreshta, IRSEE<br>Chief Electrical Engineer,<br>Southern Railways, Chennai 600 003.  | Transport                            |
| 7.  | Thiru. R. Poornalingam, I.A.S., (Retd.)<br>No.14, First Cross Street,<br>Indira Nagar, Chennai 600 020.  | Consumer                             |
| 8.  | Thiru. G.S. Rajamani,<br>Village No.367, Adarsh Palm Retreat,<br>Outer Ring Road (Near Intel),<br>Bellandur P.O., Bengaluru 560 103.   | Consumer                             |
| 9.  | Thiru. K. Alagu,<br>Vice President,<br>Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce and Industry,<br>No.178-B Kamarajar Salai, Madurai 625 009.  | Commerce                             |
| 10. | Thiru. K. Kathirmathiyon,<br>Secretary, Coimbatore Consumer Cause,<br>41, Government Arts College Road,<br>Coimbatore 641 018.   | Consumer                             |
| 11. | Thiru. R. Desikan,<br>Trustee, Consumer Association of India,<br>No.A-5 Second Main Road,<br>Thiruvalluvar Nagar,<br>Thiruvanmiyur Extension,<br>Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai 600 041. | Non-<br>governmental<br>organization |
| 12. | Dr. S. Usa,<br>Professor and Head,<br>Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering,<br>Anna University, Chennai 600 025.   | Academic and<br>Research Bodies      |
| 13. | Thiru. T. Vellaiyan,<br>State President,<br>Tamil Nadu Viyabarigal Sanga Peravai,  | Commerce                             |

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|     | No.44, Nelvayal Salai, Perambur,<br>Chennai 600 011.  |                      |
| 14. | Dr. A.S. Kandasamy,<br>15/52 Sairam Thottam,<br>Athapur (Post), Rasipuram Taluk,<br>Namakkal 636 301.   | Consumer             |
| 15. | Thiru. E. Varadarajan, B.Com., B.L.,<br>Manila Podhu Seyalalar,<br>Tamilaga Vivasaiyigal Sangam,<br>486, Perundurai Road, Erode 638 052.                          | Agriculture          |
| 16. | Dr. K. Selvaraj,<br>New No.12, Thiru Nagar,<br>Singanallur, Coimbatore 641 005.   | Consumer             |
| 17. | Thiru. T. Vijayarangan,<br>Secretary,<br>Anna Labour Union,<br>Old No.167, New No.394,<br>Kabali Vanabhojana Thottam,<br>Raja Annamalaipuram,<br>Chennai 600 028. | Labour<br>9840937020 |

The objects of the State Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Commission on

- i. major questions of policy;
- ii. matters relating to quality, continuity and extent of service provided by the licensees;
- iii. compliance by licensees with the conditions and requirements of their license;
- iv. protection of consumer interest; and
- v. electricity supply and overall standards of performance by utilities.

**(b) Co-ordination Forum**

As provided for under section 166(4) of the Act, the State Government have constituted a State Coordination forum with the following Members.

1. Chairman / Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission
2. Members / Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission
3. Chairman / Tamil Nadu Electricity Board
4. Chairman / Neyveli Lignite Corporation
5. Member Secretary, Southern Regional Electricity Board

6. Director (Operations), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
7. Member (Planning), Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi.
8. Thiru. D.V. Giri, President & Chief Executive Officer, Pioneer Wincon Private Limited, Chennai-15.
9. Managing Director / GMR Energy Sector
10. Secretary to Government / Energy Department
11. Chairman cum Managing Director/TEDA

The purpose of the forum is to suggest ways and means for the smooth and co-ordinated development of the power system in the State.

### **9. Directory of Officers / Employees:**

| S. No. | Designation                                       | Present incumbents               |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1      | Chairman  | Thiru. S. Akshaya Kumar          |
| 2      | Member – I  | Thiru. S. Nagalsamy              |
| 3      | Member – II                                       | Thiru. G. Rajagopal              |
| 4      | Secretary   | Thiru. S.Gunasekaran             |
| 5      | Director (Engineering)                            | Thiru. P. Muthusamy              |
| 6      | Director (Tariff)                                 | Thiru. S. Balathandayuthapani    |
| 7      | Director (Legal)                                  | Thiru.R.Veeramani                |
| 8      | Electricity Ombudsman                             | Thiru. A. Dharmaraj              |
| 9      | Deputy Director (Engineering-I)                   | Thiru. D. Ravichandran           |
| 10     | Deputy Director (Engineering-II)                  | Tmt. C. Lakshmidevi              |
| 11     | Deputy Director (Tariff-I)                        | Tmt. K.Dhanalakshmi              |
| 12     | Deputy Director (Tariff – II)                     | Vacant                           |
| 13     | Deputy Director (Legal)                           | Thiru. A. V. Ragunathan          |
| 14     | Assistant Secretary                               | Tmt. A.K. Kalaichelvi            |
| 15     | Assistant Director (Computer)                     | Thiru. E. Pugazhenthii           |
| 16     | Assistant Director (Statistical Analyst)          | Tmt. R.M. Suganthi               |
| 17     | Assistant Director (Finance and Economic Analyst) | Thiru. A. V. Vaikunta Srinivasan |
| 18     | Public Relations Officer                          | Thiru V Prabu Kumar              |
| 19     | Accounts Officer                                  | Thiru. J.Ramesh Babu             |
| 20     | Private Secretary                                 | Thiru. Rodrigo Cyril             |
| 21     | Personal Assistant – 1                            | Tmt. G. Thamizh Selvi            |
| 22     | Personal Assistant – 2                            | Tmt. G.Jayanthi                  |
| 23     | Personal Assistant – 3                            | Tmt. P. Mary Josephine           |
| 24     | Personal Assistant – 4                            | Tmt. V.S. Manjula                |
| 25     | Personal Assistant – 5                            | Thiru. R. Murugan                |
| 26     | Personal Assistant – 6                            | Thiru. G. Sangeetha              |

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|----|---|------------------------------|
| 27 | Personal Assistant - 7                      | Vacant                       |
| 28 | Personal Assistant to Electricity Ombudsman | Thiru. M.V.Venugopal, Typist |
| 29 | Bench Assistant                             | Thiru. T.R.Ramesh Babu       |
| 30 | Assistant (Accounts)                        | Thiru. C. Vetrivel           |
| 31 | Assistant (Administration)                  | Thiru. T. Sekar              |
| 32 | Receptionist cum Telephone Operator         | Tmt. M.K.Vijayalakshmi       |
| 33 | Driver                                      | Thiru. P.J.Nagaraj           |
| 34 | Driver                                      | Thiru. M. Senthilkumar       |
| 35 | Driver                                      | Thiru. T. Thirugnanam        |
| 36 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. K.Mugunthan           |
| 37 | Office Assistant                            | Tmt. S. Indumathi            |
| 38 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. V.B.Sugumar           |
| 39 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. M. Sekar              |
| 40 | Office Assistant                            | Tmt. S.Kalaimani             |
| 41 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. R. Velmurugan         |
| 42 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. S. Krishnamurthy      |
| 43 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. L. Chandrasekar       |
| 44 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. G. Ravi               |
| 45 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. S. Balaji             |
| 46 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. P. Swamikumar         |
| 47 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. R. Munuswamy          |
| 48 | Office Assistant                            | Tmt. N. Rajeswari            |
| 49 | Office Assistant                            | Tmt. Stella Swarna           |
| 50 | Office Assistant cum Driver                 | Thiru. D. Pannerselvam       |
| 51 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. G. Baskaran           |
| 52 | Office Assistant                            | Thiru. S. Karthikeyan        |
| 53 | Land Consultant cum Translator              | Thiru. M. Velayudhaperumal   |
| 54 | Chobdar                                     | Thiru. N. Ranganathan        |

10. Monthly remuneration received by each of the Officers and Staff of the Commission including the system of compensation as provided in the regulation as on 31.3.2014.

| SI.No. | Description of Officers / Staff  | Gross Pay |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1      | Chairman *                       | 159270    |
| 2      | Member-I*                        | 96846     |
| 3      | Member-II*                       | 155095    |
| 4      | Secretary                        | 70400     |
| 5      | Director (Engineering)*          | 114975    |
| 6      | Director (Tariff)                | 67100     |
| 7      | Director (Legal)                 | 68000     |
| 8      | Electricity Ombudsman            | 103245    |
| 9      | Deputy Director (Engineering-I)  | 110680    |
| 10     | Deputy Director (Engineering-II) | 116020    |

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|----|---|--------|
| 11 | Deputy Director (Tariff-I)                      | 94420  |
| 12 | Deputy Director (Tariff – II)                   | NIL    |
| 13 | Deputy Director (Legal)                         | 102440 |
| 14 | Assistant Secretary                             | 50850  |
| 15 | Public Relations Officer                        | 49600  |
| 16 | Assistant Director (Statistical Analyst)        | 108720 |
| 17 | Assistant Director (Computer)                   | 62880  |
| 18 | Assistant Director (Finance & Economic Analyst) | 62880  |
| 19 | Accounts Officer                                | 54294  |
| 20 | Private Secretary                               | 52300  |
| 21 | Personal Assistant – 1                          | 54420  |
| 22 | Personal Assistant – 2                          | 50600  |
| 23 | Personal Assistant – 3                          | 33180  |
| 24 | Personal Assistant – 4                          | 32280  |
| 25 | Personal Assistant – 5                          | 32280  |
| 26 | Personal Assistant – 6                          | 32280  |
| 27 | Personal Assistant - 7                          | Vacant |
| 28 | Personal Assistant to Ombudsman                 | 13700  |
| 29 | Bench Assistant                                 | 38940  |
| 30 | Assistant (Accounts)                            | 26720  |
| 31 | Assistant (Administration)                      | 26720  |
| 32 | Receptionist – cum – Telephone Operator         | 28800  |
| 33 | Driver  | 38320  |
| 34 | Driver  | 17850  |
| 35 | Driver  | 16000  |
| 36 | Office Assistant                                | 17850  |
| 37 | Office Assistant                                | 22010  |
| 38 | Office Assistant                                | 20875  |
| 39 | Office Assistant                                | 15760  |
| 40 | Office Assistant                                | 15760  |
| 41 | Office Assistant                                | 15760  |
| 42 | Office Assistant                                | 15760  |
| 43 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 44 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 45 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 46 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 47 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 48 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 49 | Office Assistant                                | 14830  |
| 50 | Office Assistant cum Driver                     | 14310  |
| 51 | Office Assistant                                | 14310  |
| 52 | Office Assistant                                | 14310  |
| 53 | Land Consultant cum Translator                  | 26000  |
| 54 | Chobdar   | 15000  |

\* Excluding pension

**11. Budget allocated to each of the agencies, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditure and reports on disbursements made.**

Every year the Commission receives grant from the Government for meeting out the salary, establishment expenses such as to carry out its functions and day to day activities as per the Electricity Act 2003. As per section 104 (4), the accounts of the State Commission, as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any other person appointed by him in this behalf, together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the State Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid, as soon as may be after it is received, before the State Legislature.

**12. Manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amount allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programme.**

The Commission determines electricity tariff in accordance with the provisions laid down in **Sec. 62 of the Electricity Act**. However, if the Government of Tamil Nadu requires to grant subsidy to any consumer or class of consumers in the tariff determined by the Commission under Sec. 65 of the said Act, it may pay, in advance and in such manner as may be specified, the amount to compensate the person affected by the grant of subsidy in the manner the Commission may direct. The identification of the section of consumers to which the subsidy is payable depends upon the decision of the State Government. The orders issued by the Commission in this regard are available in the Commission's website for the reference of the public.

**13. Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits, or authorizations granted by it.**

----- Nil -----

**14. Details in respect of information, available to or held by the Commission, reduced in an electronic form.**

- a. All regulations issued by the Commission as detailed in paragraph 5 above.
- b. All the Codes issued by the Commission as detailed in paragraph 5 above.
- c. All the orders of the Commission.

**15. Particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the workings of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use.**

All the regulations, codes issued by the Commission are available in the Commission's website [www.tnerc.gov.in](http://www.tnerc.gov.in) for the reference and use of the public. Most of the other orders / documents are also made available in the Commission's website. As per regulation 46(1) of CBR, records of the Commission, except those which are specified as confidential, are open to inspection by all, subject to payment of fee and complying with the terms as the Commission may direct. The designated officer may also be contacted during the working hours of the Commission i.e. from 10.00 A.M to 5.45 P.M on all working days for seeking information or guidance. The Commission has a Library equipped with the required books / Acts / manuals, technical references / other Commission's tariff orders etc., for its own use.

**16. (a) Name, designation and other particulars of the Public Information Officer:**

**Thiru. V.Prabukumar**

Public Relations Officer / Public Information Officer  
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission,  
19-A, Rukmini Lakshmi pathy Salai,  
Egmore, Chennai-600 008.

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**2841 1379**

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**(b) Particulars of the Appellate Authority**

**Thiru S.Gunasekaran**

Secretary / Appellate Authority  
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission  
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## **17. Other Information**

### **(a) Consumer Grievance Redressal Forums and Electricity Ombudsman.**

As per Commission's regulations, Consumer Grievance Redressal Forums have been constituted by the distribution licensees (Tamil Nadu Electricity Board) in every district / distribution circle headed by the circle's Superintending Engineers. The contact details of the forums are given in the Commission's web site [www.tnerc.gov.in](http://www.tnerc.gov.in) as well as in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board's (TNEB) website [www.tneb.org](http://www.tneb.org). Consumers can approach the consumer forum for the redressal of their electricity supply / service related grievances. The Commission has also appointed an authority known as Electricity Ombudsman under Sec. 42(6) of the Act to hear the appeals arising out of the orders passed by the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum.

### **(b) Power supply and service related information.**

For all electricity supply / service related information, consumers / public are requested to contact concerned TNEB's Public Information Officers designated in every district / circle or in their headquarter's office at Chennai. For all Commission related information, public are requested to contact the officers mentioned under paragraph 16.

### **(c) Fees.**

As per section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005), the Government of Tamil Nadu prescribed the following fees vide G.O.Ms.No.989 Dated 07.10.2005 and same has been adopted by the Commission.

**(i)** Every application for obtaining information under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Act shall be accompanied by **an application fee of rupees ten** by cash or by affixing court fee stamp or Postal order or bankers cheque or by demand draft drawn in favour of "**The Secretary, TNERC**" payable at **Chennai**.

**(ii)** For providing the information under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Act, a fee shall be charged by way of cash or postal order or bankers cheque or by demand draft drawn in favour of "**The Secretary, TNERC**" payable at **Chennai** at the following rates:-

(a) rupees two for each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper) created or copied;

- (b) actual charge or cost price of a copy in larger size paper;
- (c) actual cost or price for samples or models; and
- (d) for inspection of records, no fee for the first hour, and a fee of rupees five for every one hour( or fraction thereof) thereafter.

**(iii)** For providing the information under sub-section (5) of section 7, the fee shall be charged by way of cash against proper receipt or bankers cheque or by demand draft drawn in favour of **“The Secretary, TNERC”** payable at **Chennai** at the following rates:-

- (a) for information provided in diskette or floppy rupees fifty per diskette or floppy; and
- (b) For information provided in printed form at the price fixed for publication (or) rupees two per page of photocopy for extracts from the publication.

**(c)** However as per sub-section(5) of section 7 of the Act, no such fee shall be charged from the persons who are of below poverty line as may be determined by the appropriate government.

**Secretary**  
**Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission**