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PRESS NOTE

Subject:- Disconnection of electricity supply

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission wishes to clarify that Section 56 of the Electricity Act 2003 on disconnection of electricity supply on account of default in payment needs to be read harmoniously with Sections 175 and 185 of the Act.

2. Section 175 lays down that the provisions of the Electricity Act are in addition to and not in derogation of any other law in force. Thus, the licensee shall be entitled to disconnect the supply of electricity in accordance with the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986. This is provided in Clause 21 of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code 2004 framed by TNERC.

3. Further, Section 185 of the Act stipulates that Indian Electricity Rules 1956 shall continue to be in force till regulations under Section 53 of the Act are framed by the Central Electricity Authority. As the regulations under Section 53 are not ready, Indian Electricity Rules 1956 would supplement Section 56 on disconnection of electricity supply. Clauses 46, 49, 52 and 121 of the Indian Electricity Rules 1956 provide for disconnection of electricity supply primarily on grounds of safety.

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