

28.39 High level Committee recommendations on Rural Electrification - Decision of the Government

Energy (G2) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 124

Dated : 04.06.1999

Read :

1.Govt.Lr.No.754/C3/99-2, dt : 05.03.1999.

2.Govt.Lr.No.2337/C3/99-2, dt : 19.03.1999.

ORDER

Under the revised Rule 73 of Indian Constitution 1994, the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act was enacted. According to the Act three tier Panchayats set up was formed for which elections conducted and elected members assumed charge in the Panchayats., panchayat Union and District Councils. As per Rule 243 G of 1994 of Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act and Rule 257 of the said Act, the economic and social welfare programmes implemented by the three tier panchayats set up for which a High level committee was constituted with selected legislators as members and the Minister for Rural Development and Local Administration as Convenor has examined the Devolution of powers to the three tier panchayats set up under the subject viz., Rural Electrification and made certain recommendations.

2. The Government have examined recommendations of the High level committee made under the subject "**Rural Electrification**" and also under "**General Recommendations**". In supersession of the Instructions / orders issued in the Government letters read above, the Government have decided to accept those recommendations as mentioned in the Annexure to this order.

3.The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is requested to take necessary action with reference to the above orders of the Government. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is also requested to acknowledge the receipt of this order.

(By order of the Governor)

LAL RAWNA SAILO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

28. DEVOLUTION OF POWERS**ANNEXURE**

Sl. No.	Recommendations of High Level Committee	Decision of the Government.
VILLAGE PANCHAYATS		
1.	The responsibility of Street lights maintenance has been transferred to the Village Panchayats. The current consumption charges are being paid by the Village Panchayats. For the financially weaker Panchayats, funds may be allocated from equalisation and Incentive Grant towards the maintenance of street lights.	For Village Panchayats which have to pay current consumption charges to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for a consumption of Street lights. When the source of fund is less, it is in practice to issue orders by Rural Development Department allocating funds from equalisation and Incentive Grants from the year 1997-1998.
2.	The Village Panchayats will furnish the Electricity Board the list of habitations under one light one hut scheme/TNEB and under 'Million wells scheme' TNEB will furnish the details of Service connections given along with the list of beneficiaries to the Village Panchayats. The concerned Executive Engineer of TNEB may be responsible for this item of work.	The Village Panchayats will furnish the Electricity Board the list of habitations under 'One light one hut scheme' and under 'Million wells scheme'. TNEB will furnish the details of service connections given along with the list of beneficiaries to the Village Panchayats. The concerned Executive Engineer of TNEB may be responsible for this item of work.
3.	Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions may be entrusted with the responsibility of identifying the theft of electricity. TNEB may award suitably the Village Panchayats for effective implementation.	Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions may be entrusted with the responsibility of identifying the theft of electricity. TNEB will award 10% of the total amount collected due to the theft of energy to concerned panchayats.
4.	While the TNEB proposing for setting up of new transformers and poles, it should consult the Village Panchayats for finalising the place	While the TNEB proposing for setting up transformers and poles, it should consult the Village Panchayats for finalising the place.
PANCHAYAT UNIONS		
1	The Panchayat Union may be entrusted with the powers to monitor and review (a) the erection of electrical pump sets for agriculture and Water Supply, (b) provision of Street lights and (c) one hut one light point scheme. The TNEB Engineer will attend the Panchayat Union Council meeting pertaining to electricity subjects	The Panchayat Union may be entrusted with the powers to monitor and review (a) the erection of electrical pump sets for agriculture and water supply, (b) Provision of Street lights and (c) one hut one light point scheme. The concerned Assistant Engineer/ Junior Engineer will attend the Panchayat Union Council meeting pertaining to electricity subjects

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DISTRICT PANCHAYATS		
1	In Order to get regular and uniform power supply, District Panchayats may collect the data on electricity requirement, availability, new installations required etc., and furnish the consolidated district data to TNEB.	In Order to get regular and Uniform power supply, District Panchayats may collect the data on electricity requirement, availability, new installations required etc., and furnish the consolidated district data to TNEB
2	The District Panchayat will collect information on the requirement under 'one hut one light scheme', prepare the District Plan and Co-ordinate with TNEB for the implementation.	The District Panchayat will collect information on the requirement under 'one hut one light scheme', Prepare the District Plan and Co-ordinate with TNEB for the implementation
3	On the basis of information furnished by the Village Panchayats and Panchayat Union, the District Panchayat will recommend to TNEB, for proper distribution of power supply to agricultural pumpsets.	On the basis of information furnished by the Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions, the District Panchayat will recommend to TNEB, for proper distribution of power supply to agricultural pumpsets.
4	The District Panchayat may be empowered to review and monitor the schemes implemented by TNEB and suggest ways to improve the power supply and distribution	The District Panchayat may be empowered to review and monitor the schemes implemented by TNEB and suggest ways to improve the power supply and distribution.
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS		
1	Village Panchayat may be empowered to make complaint to the concerned office if anybody uses more than one light under 'One light for one hut programme.'	Village Panchayat may be empowered to make complaint to the concerned officer if anybody uses more than one light under 'One light for one hut programme.'
2	For erecting street light poles, the EB normally do not take prior permission from Village Panchayats. However when there is a necessity for shifting of poles for taking up certain development works like widening of roads, Electricity Board levy shifting charges. Government may consider to issue an order to Electricity Board not to levy and any such charges when this type of changes are required to carry out the developmental works.	For erecting street light poles, the EB normally do not take prior permission from Village Panchayats. However when there is a necessity for shifting of poles for taking up certain development works, like widening of roads, Electricity Board levy shifting charges. The Board after collecting the reasonable cost of expenditure (cost of additional materials and labour charges) from the Panchayats may execute shifting works immediately.
3	This committee recommends for providing house service electricity connection by Electricity Board on the basis of the Certificate furnished by the Village Panchayats instead of the Certificate issued by the Village Administrative Officer.	The committee recommends to Government to issue orders to TNEB to provide service connection to House based on the Certificate issued by the Panchayats instead of the One issued by the Village Administrative Officers. It has been decided to provide service connection to House based on the Certificate issued either by the VAO or Panchayat President.