

#### **ABSTRACT**

Electricity – Extension of Free supply of electricity for Hut Consumers for the period from 1.4.2017 to 30.09.2017 – Subsidy of Rs.99.14 Crore – Sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

### **ENERGY (C2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms.)No.30

Dated:20. 04.2017 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2048, ஹேவிளம்பி, சித்திரை – 7 Read:

- 1) Letter Ms.No.1, Energy (A1) Department, dated 05.02.2015.
- From the Principal Secretary / Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Chennai Letter.No. CFC/Reg.Cell/CE/M/RC/ FC/ DFC/ F.Subsidy-D / D. 111 /17, dt. 23.03.17.

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#### ORDER:

In the Government letter first read above, among others the Government have issued policy directions and commitment letter to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission providing for extension of free electricity for Hut Consumers.

- 2. The Principal Secretary / Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited has stated that Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has provisionally approved and directed the Government to release tariff subsidy for the FY 2016-17 for an amount of Rs.198.28 Crores or providing free supply of energy to Hut category consumers as per the Policy Directions and Commitment given by the Government. The Government has also released the entire amount of subsidy during the year 2016-17.
- 3. As per Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Government has to release the tariff subsidy to TANGEDCO in advance for providing free supply of energy / reduction in tariff rates to various categories of consumers. Accordingly, the tariff subsidy for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half Year of the FY 2017-18 in respect of Hut category consumers has to be released by the Government on or before 31.3.2017. Similarly the subsidies for the subsequent periods have also to be released in advance as per the schedule approved by the Hon'ble TNERC.

- 4. Considering the critical financial condition of TANGEDCO and the provisions contained under Sections 65 and 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Chairman and Managing Director Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited has requested the Government to sanction advance tariff subsidy of Rs. 99.14 Crores (Rupees Ninety Nine crores and fourteen lakhs only) for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half Year of FY 2017-18 from 1-4-2017 to 30-9-2017 [@ 1/2 X Rs.198.28 Crores as per Hon'ble TNERC Order for FY 2016-17] for free supply of energy to the Hut category consumers, pending orders of the Hon'ble TNERC approving tariff subsidy payable for the FY 2017-18 so that TANGEDCO will continue to provide free supply of energy/reduction in tariff rates.
- 5. The Government have examined the proposal of the Principal Secretary/ Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited carefully and accord sanction for a sum of Rs. 99.14 Crores (Rupees Ninety Nine crores and Fourteen lakhs only) for the period from 1-4-2017 to 30-9-2017 towards subsidy for extension of free supply of electricity to Hut category consumers, pending orders of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year 2017-18 by relaxing the Quarterly Control of Appropriation System for which orders were issued in G.O.(Ms)No.78, Finance (BG-1)Department, dated 30.3.2017.
- 6. The amount sanctioned in para 5 above shall be met from the existing provision in BC 2017-18 and debited to the following Head of Account:-
  - " 2515 00 Other Rural Development Programmes 102. Community Development States Expenditure AD. Payment to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board on behalf of Rural hut dwellers 09. Grants in Aid 03 Grants for Specific Schemes".

7. The Director of Rural Development is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 5 above. He is requested to present the bill in the Pay and Accounts Office (South), Chennai-35 and to ensure that the sanctioned amount is disbursed to the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.19242/PW-II/2017, Dated.13.4.2017.

## (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

# VIKRAM KAPUR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Chairman and Managing Director, TANGEDCO, Chennai - 2.

The Chief Financial Controller/TANGEDCO, Chennai - 2.

The Director, Finance, TANGEDCO, Chennai-2.

The Director of Rural Development, Chennai – 15

The Pay and Accounts Officer, (S) Chennai-35

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18 (By Name)

The Accountant General, Chennai-9

Copy to:

The Finance (PW-II)(RD) / (BG-I) / (W&M-1), Department,

Chennai-9.

The RD & PR, Department, Chennai-9

The Senior P.A. to Hon'ble Minister for (E,P&E) Chennai-9.

All Sections in Energy Department, Chennai-9.

SF/SC.

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