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News & Notes

PART - I

NEWS & NOTES

1. Generation Particulars:

The generation/relief figures for May '97 were as follows:

Sl. No.	May '97 (In Million Units)
1. Ennore T.P.S.	150.260
2. Tuticorin T.P.S.	692.190
3. Mettur T.P.S.	571.020
4. North Chennai T.P.S.	330.141
TNEB Thermal	1743.611
5. Neyveli TS I	218.705
6. Neyveli TS II	806.259
7. Kalpakkam (Madras Atomic PS)	165.840
8. Hydro Generation	289.304
9. Import from N.T.P.C.	0.370
10. Net Export to Kerala	286.543
11. Import from Manali, BHEL & Private Wind Mills	18.781
12. Narimanam & Basin Bridge GTS	6.852
13. Wind Mills	1.134
14. Kadamparai (Pump Mode)	0.000
Nett TNEB consumption	2963.573

The maximum grid demand and consumption during May '97 were 4811 MW and 101.572 MU respectively on 14-5-'97. The average grid consumption in May '97 was 95.599 MU per day.

II. Hydro Inflows :

The Hydro inflows during May '97 were 44 MU against 14 MU in May '96 and the ten year average of 49 MU.

III. Storage Position :

The storage position in various reservoirs as on 1—6—'97, when compared to the storage as on 1—6—'96 was as follows :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Group	Storage as on		Difference
		1—6—97	1—6—96	
1.	Nilgiris	482.240	325.650	(+) 156.590
2.	P. A. P.	28.180	20.380	(+) 7.800
3.	Periyar	1.400	5.210	(-) 3.810
4.	Papanasam & Servalar	0.000	0.000	0.000
5.	Suriliyar	3.740	0.220	(+) 3.520
6.	Kodayar	21.490	10.130	(+) 11.360
7.	Total Excluding Mettur	537.050	361.590	(+) 175.460
8.	Mettur	118.920	3.330	(+) 115.590
9.	Total including Mettur	655.970	364.920	(+) 291.050

IV. Performance of Thermal Stations :**(i) Tuticorin (5 x 210 MW) :**

The details of generation at Tuticorin T.P.S. during May '97 were as follows :

Unit	Availability Factor (%)	Generation (MU)	Plant Load Factor (%)
I (210 MW)	95.76	142.200	91.01
II (210 MW)	88.65	122.000	78.08
III (210 MW)	98.42	141.340	90.46
IV (210 MW)	97.88	150.640	96.42
V (210 MW)	97.90	136.010	87.05
Station (1050 MW)		692.190	88.61

(ii) Ennore (2 x 60 MW + 3 x 110 MW) :

The details of generation at Ennore T.P.S. during May '97 were as follows :

Unit	Availability Factor (%)	Generation (MU)	Plant Load Factor (%)
I (60 MW)	84.31	33.337	74.68
II (60 MW)	82.45	33.001	73.93
III (110 MW)	68.74	39.586	48.37
IV (110 MW)	84.60	44.336	54.17
V (110 MW)	NIL	NIL	
Station (450 MW)		150.260	44.88

(iii) North Chennai (3 × 210 MW) :

The details of generation at North Chennai T.P.S. during May '97 were as follows :

Unit	Availability Factor (%)	Generation (MU)	Plant Load Factor (%)
I (210 MW)	100.00	108,296	69.31
II (210 MW)	91.04	103,209	66.06
III (210 MW)	99.87	118,636	75.93
Station (630 MW)	—	330,141	70.43

(iv) Mettur (4 × 210 MW) :

The details of generation of Mettur T.P.S. during May '97 were as follows :-

Unit	Availability Factor (%)	Generation (MU)	Plant Load Factor (%)
I (210 MW)	100.00	141,370	90.48
II (210 MW)	90.94	125,390	80.25
III (210 MW)	100.00	151,240	96.80
IV (210 MW)	100.00	153,020	97.94
Station (840 MW)	—	571,020	91.37

(v) Coal Particulars for May '97 :

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tuticorin TPS	Ennore TPS	Mettur TPS	North Chennai TPS
1.	Coal linkage (in lakhs tonnes)	5.00	1.90	4.00	0.90
2.	Coal Receipt (-do-)	5.05	1.42	3.32	2.25
3.	Coal consumption (-do-)	4.90	1.52	3.70	2.21
4.	Coal Stock as on 1-6-97 (-do-)	1.08	0.80	0.10	0.44
5.	Coal consumption (Kg/Kw hr.)	0.708	1.012	0.648	0.669

(vi) Auxiliary consumption and oil consumption during May '97 :

Name of Thermal Power Station	Tuticorin	Ennore	Mettur
Auxiliary consumption (%)	8.10	12.20	7.99
Oil consumption (ML/Unit)	0.79	1.90	0.276

V. Revision of pay limit for eligibility for sanction of advance for the purchase of personal computer :

In (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 28, Sectt. Branch dt. 2-5-'97, Board has directed that those who are eligible for advance for the purchase of new motor car, (i.e.) class I and II Officers who are drawing a basic pay of Rs. 3,000/- and above, shall be made eligible for availing the advance towards the purchase of Personal Computer.

VI. Clarification issued on the inclusion of cost of electrical motor in the estimate for sanction of H.B.A.

In Sectt. Branch Memo. (Per) No. 57972/E2/96-4, dt. 7-5-97, it was clarified that the provision of Electric motor in the estimate need not be accepted for sanction of H.B.A.

VII. Sanction of CCA for the staff working in the semmedu village :

In (Per) B.P. (CH) No. 111, Sectt. Branch dt. 9-5-'97, Board adopted the Government Order, allowing CCA for the staff working in the Semmedu village, Hamlet of Ikkaraipoluvampatti Main Village w.e.f. 1-3-'94.

VIII. Payment of interest on the employees subscription under employees special provident fund cum gratuity scheme beyond 148th instalment :

Board in (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 35, Secretariat Branch dt. 15-5-'97 decided to allow current rate of interest on G.P.F. accumulation namely 12% per annum instead of 9% per annum to those who have already subscribed 148 instalments under Employees Special Provident Fund cum Gratuity Scheme.

C.E./Chairman's Office.

(vii)

The following are the posts created, abolished, upgraded and downgraded during the month of May '97.

R. Srinivasan,
Chief Engineer/Personnel.

POSTS CREATED

Sl. No.	Details of Board's Order	Name of the Circle	Name of the Post	No. of posts	Purpose for which the posts were created	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 193 (Adm. Br.) dt. 29-4-97	Parsons Valley Power House VI Project	Medical Officer Pharmacist Female Nursing Asst.	1 1 1	For Medical needs	For the period upto 30-4-98
				3		
2.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 196 (Adm. Br.) dt. 3-5-97	Chennai Elecy. Distn. Circle (North)	Switch Board Opr./ L.I. (Optr.) Helper	4 4	Sanction the posts for 33/11 KV SS at Robinson Park	For a period of one year from the date of utilisation
				8		
3	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 198 (Adm. Br.) dt. 3-5-97	Salem Elecy. Distn. Circle	A.E./J.E. (E) I Gr. J.E. (E) II Gr. Line Inspector Comm. Asst. Helper	1 4 6 1 2	Sanctioned the posts for Mallur 110/22 KV SS (Non-Grid)	—do—
				14		
4.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 199 (Adm. Br.) dt. 3-5-97	Mettur E.D.C.	Comm. Asst.	1 1	Sanctioned the post for 110/11 KV SS at Kabilar- malai (Non-Grid)	One year from the date of utilisation
5.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 200 (Adm. Br.) dt. 3-5-97	Nilgiris E.D.C.	Line Inspector Helper	2 2	Sanctioned the R.W.E. posts for the Fuse Oif Call Centre at Coonoor Division	—do—
				4		
6.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 207 (Adm. Br.) dt. 8-5-97	Mettur E.D.C.	A.E./J.E. (E) I Gr. J.E. (E) II Gr. Line Inspector Comm. Asst. Helper	1 4 4 1 2	Sanctioned the posts for 110 KV SS at Elanagar (Non- Grid) in Elachi- palayam Sub-division	—do—
				12		
7.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 211 (Adm. Br.) dt. 13-5-97	South Arcot Vallalar E.D.C.	Switch Board Opr. Helper	4 4	Sanctioned the R.W.E. posts for 33/11 KV SS at Palayamkottai	—do—
				8		

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
8.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 219 (Adm. Br.) dt. 24-5-97	Nagai Quaid-e Milleth E.D.C.	Switch Board Opr./ L.I. (Opr.) Helper	4 4 <hr/> 8	Sanctioned the posts for 33/11 KV SS at Vaduvloor	For a period of one year from the utilisation
9.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 223 (Adm. Br.) dt. 30-5-97	S.E./Wind Mill/ Coimbatore	Asst. Engr./Elecl. Jr. Engr./Elecl. II Gr. Lineman Helper	1 4 4 2 <hr/> 11	Creation for Edayar- palayam Sub- Station	For the period upto 31-12-97
			Asst. Engr./Elecl. Jr. Engr./El. II Gr. Lineman Helper	1 4 4 2 <hr/> 11	Creation for Elavanthi Sub-Station	--do--

POST ABOLISHED

Sl. No.	Details of Board's Order	Name of the Circle	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Purpose for which the Posts were Abolished	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Memo. No. 014312/9/ S4/A3/97-1, dt 2-5-97	Trichy (Metro) Elec. Distn. Circle	Asst. Engr./Mechl.	1	For winding up the Automobile Section.	With immediate effect.
			Total	1		

PROVINCIAL

2.	Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 215 (Adm. Br.) dt. 16-5-97	B.B.P.H.	Stores Custodian IGr. Stores Custodian IIGr.	1 2	Posts vacant for more than six months.	--do--
			Total	3		
			R.W.E.			
			Asst./Operator	3		
			Carpenter II Gr.	1		
			Mason I Gr.	1		
			Telephone Operator	1		
			Boiler House Fireman	1		
			Tool Keeper II Gr.	1		
			Instrument Mechanic II Gr.	1		
			Sanitary Worker	1		
			Helper	10		
			Electrician	2		
			Total	22		

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)					
3. Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 217 (Adm. Br.) dt. 17-5-97	S.E./Hydro Project/ Urachikottai	PROVINCIAL Executive Engineer/ Civil	Assistant Exe. Engr./ Civil	1	There is a stay in Kollimalai Hydro Electric Project Work	With immediate effect					
			A.E./J.E. I Gr./Civil	2							
			A.E./J.E./Elecl.	4							
			Sr. Draughtsman	1							
			Draughtsman	2							
			Accts. Supervisor	1							
			Assistant Accts.	1							
			Jr. Asst. / Accts.	3							
			Total	16							
			R.W.E.	Spl. Gr. Foreman			1				
				Foreman III Gr.			1				
				Driver			4				
				T.T.H.V. Driver			2				
				Fitter I Gr.			1				
				Fitter II Gr.			2				
				Vehicle Helper			2				
				Total			13				
				4. Per. B.P. (Ch.) No. 224 (Adm. Br.) dt. 31-5-97			S.E./Generation Circle/Erode	PROVINCIAL Draughtsman	Asst. D'man	1	Vacant For more than six months.
			Jr. Assistant/Accts.						1		
			Adm. Assistant						9		
Typist	5										
Record Clerk	7										
Office Helper	2										
Total	33										
R.W.E.	Filter Operator (T.A.)	6									
	Oil Tester (T.A.)	3									
	S.B.O. (T.A.)	6									
	Lineman Operator	1									
	Electrician I Gr.	1									
	Telephone Opr.	3									
	Helper	21									
	Vehicle Helper	3									
	Tool Keeper II Gr.	2									
	Pump House Attendent	2									
	Gardener	9									
	Watchman	6									
	Sweeper	4									
Sanitary Worker	5										
Total	72										

Posts Upgraded / Downgraded

— Nil —

GENERAL ADMN. & SERVICES

PART - II

General Administration & Services

Loans and Advances - Advance for the purchase of personal Computer - Revision of Pay limit for eligibility for sanction of the advance - Orders - Issued.

(Per.) B.P. (FB) No.28,

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 2nd May 1997,
19, Chithirai, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

1. B.P. (FB) No.69, (SB) dated 24.10.92.
2. B.P. (FB) No.47, (SB) dated 20.7.94.
3. Government Lr.No. 71657/Finance (Sal.) Dept.,/96-1, dt.14.10.96.

Proceedings:

According to the orders issued in the B.P. first cited, the employees of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board who are drawing pay in the scale of pay of Rs.4225-5550 are alone eligible to draw advance for Personal Computer. Further, as per paragraph 4 of the above B.P., the conditions laid down in the Tamil Nadu Financial Code Volume I regulating the sanction of Motor Car Advance will apply to the advance for purchase of Personal Computer also.

2. According to the orders issued in the B.P. second cited, Class I and II Officers who are drawing a basic pay of Rs.3,300/- and above are eligible for the sanction of conveyance advance for the purchase of new motor car.

3. The Government, in their Letter third cited, have now issued orders to the effect that those who are eligible for advance for the purchase of a new motor car shall be made eligible for availing the advance for the purchase of the Personal Computer.

4. Following the orders of the Government, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, in partial modification of the orders issued in paragraph 2 of the B.P. first cited, directs that those who are eligible for advance for the purchase of new motor car, (i.e.) Class I and II Officers who are drawing a basic pay of Rs.3,300/- and above, shall be made eligible for availing the advance towards the purchase of Personal Computer.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

B.B. - 2 (May '97)

Establishment - Class II Service - Appointment of Medical Officers on contract Basis - Generation Circle/
Kundah - Extension of service - Beyond Contract Period - Approved.

Per B.P. (CH) No.88

(Technical Branch)

Dated 3.5.1997,
Chithirai 20, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

- 1) Per B.P. No. (FB) 302 (Technical Branch) dated. 23.8.95.
- 2) Per B.P. No. (FB) 145 (Technical Branch) dated. 26.6.96.

Proceedings:

The services of the two Medical Officers is extended for a further period of 6 months on a consolidated wages of Rs.5,000/- per month on contract basis as detailed below:-

Dr. N. Balasubramanian, Moyar	...	30.4.97 A.N. to 31.10.97.A.N
Dr. P. Sakunthala, Pykara Dam	...	5. 5.97 A.N. to 5 .11.97.A.N.

(By Order of the Chairman)

R.Sengottaiyan,
Chief Engineer/Hydro.

Establishment - Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Posting of Mechanical Engineers as Chief Engineer for Thermal Stations and creation of one post of Chief Engineer/Non-Conventional Energy Sources - Orders - Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No. 30.

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 5th May 1997,
Chithirai 22, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

(Per) B.P. (Ch.) No.307 (SB) dated. 5.12.96.

Proceedings:

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board directs that the posts of Chief Engineer/Electrical in the Thermal Stations be redesignated as Chief Engineer/Electrical/Mechanical for posting either one of them as Chief Engineer, taking into account the suitability, capability and experience as assessed by the Chairman at the time of filling up of the post.

2. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board also directs that one post of Chief Engineer/Electrical, in the scale of pay of Rs.5550-175-6600 shall be created initially for a period of one year, from the date of utilisation, with headquarters at Chennai for effectively pursuing generation of power through Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The holder of the post is designated as Chief Engineer/Non-Conventional Energy Sources. He will also deal with Small/Mini/Micro Projects.

3. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board further directs that the following supporting staff shall be sanctioned for a period of one year to assist the Chief Engineer/Electrical/Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Chennai:-

i. Assistant Executive Engineer/Electrical (to act as Executive Assistant to Chief Engineer)	...	One
ii. Assistant - cum - Steno	...	One
iii. Office Helper	...	Two
iv. Driver	...	One (To be utilised if a separate vehicle is purchased)

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4. Consequent to creation of one post of Chief Engineer/Electrical for Non-Conventional Energy Sources ordered in para 2 above, the present Chief Engineer/Electrical/Non-conventional Energy Sources and Research and Development shall be redesignated as Chief Engineer/Electrical/Research and Development, Training and Energy Conservation. The Chief Engineer will also attend to the works of Demand Side Management of Power and Energy Audit.

5. The work allocation among Chief Engineer/Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Chief Engineer/Research and Development, Training and Energy Conservation and Chief Engineer/Hydro shall be as indicated below:-

Chief Engineer/Non-Conventional Energy Sources	Chief Engineer/Research and Development, Training and Energy Conservation	Chief Engineer/Hydro
Superintending Engineer/Wind Energy Development/Tirunelveli	Director of Training	Superintending Engineer Generation/Kundah
Superintending Engineer/Wind Energy Development/Coimbatore	(All subjects relating to Training and All Training Institutes, Energy Conservation, Energy Audit and Demand Side Management of Power)	Superintending Engineer/ Generation/Erode
(All subjects relating to Non-Conventional Energy Sources and all matters relating to small/Mini/Micro Hydel projects).		Superintending Engineer/ Generation/T'velli
		Superintending Engineer/ Generation/Kadamparai
		Superintending Engineer/ Hydro (Electrical)
		(All Hydro Projects)

6. The incumbents of the posts sanctioned in paras 2-3 above will be eligible to draw the usual Pay, Dearness Allowance, House Rent Allowance, City Compensatory Allowance and other allowances at the rates admissible under the orders in force wherever applicable.

7. The pay and allowances of the staff sanctioned in paras 2 and 3 above will be drawn and disbursed by Personal Assistant Unit-II.

8. The expenditure is debitable to "Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Funds - Revenue Expenses - 75. Employees cost - 75-1 Salaries - 75 - 110 Salaries provincial".

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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AMENDMENT No: 3/97.

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service Regulations - Employees of the Board awarded major punishment - Subsequently reinstated into Service with modified punishment - Regulating the period of joining time - Regulations 10 & 59 - Amendments - issued.

(Per.) B.P. (F.B) No.29.

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 5th May 1997,
Chithirai 22, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

Ref: i) B.P.Ms.(Ch) No.81(Secretariat Branch) dated. 16.3.85.

ii) B.P.Ms.(Ch) No.262 (Secretariat Branch) dated. 6.8.85.

iii) B.P. Ms.(Ch) No. 60 (Secretariat Branch) dated . 4.3.88.

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Proceedings:

As per Note-3(A) under clause 9 of Regulation 10 of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service Regulations, in the case of a Board employee under suspension, the period from the date of order of revocation of suspension to the date prior to the date of serving the posting order on the Board employee concerned shall be treated as Compulsory Wait. The period from the date of serving the posting order to the date of joining of the employee in duty shall be treated as Joining Time for which the employee is eligible, and any excess period over and above the Joining Time admissible availed of by the employee shall be treated as leave to which he is eligible, under Note-8 under Regulation 59 of the Service Regulations. The above provisions are based on ruling 3 (A) in F.R.9(6) (b) and ruling 6 under F.R.105.

2. There are no orders or rules for regulating the period of compulsory wait and joining time to a Government servant who has been dismissed/removed/compulsorily retired from service and subsequently reinstated in service with a modified punishment, like stoppage of increment etc. After examining this aspect, the Government have amended F.R.9 and 105 in G.O.Ms.No.117 P&A.R. (FR.V) Department, dated 17.4.95 that in the case of a Government servant who has been dismissed or removed or compulsorily retired from service as a measure of penalty and subsequently reinstated into service, the period from the date of order of the reinstatement into service, to the date prior to the date of serving the posting order of the Government servant, shall be treated as Compulsory Wait. The period from the date of serving the posting order on the Government servant to the date of joining of the employee in duty shall be treated as Joining Time for which he is eligible and any excess period over and above the joining time admissible availed of by the employee shall be treated as leave to which he is eligible. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has decided to adopt the above orders of Government in respect of Board employees also.

3. Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 79 (c) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 (Central Act 54 of 1948), the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service Regulations:

Amendments

In the said Regulations,

(1) in Regulation 10, in clause (9), after Note-3 (A) the following Note shall be inserted namely:-

"(3-B) in the case of an employee of the Board who has been dismissed or removed or compulsorily retired from service as a measure of penalty and subsequently reinstated into service, the period from the date of order of reinstatement into service to the date prior to the date of serving of the posting order on the employee of the Board shall be treated as compulsory wait".

(2) in Regulation 59, after Note-8, the following Note shall be added, namely:-

"(9) in the case of an employee of the Board who has been dismissed or removed or compulsorily retired from service as a measure of penalty and subsequently reinstated into service, the period from the date of serving the posting order to the date on which the employee of the Board joins duty shall be treated as joining time for which the employees of the Board is eligible and any excess period over and above the joining time admissible availed of by the employees of the Board shall be treated as leave to which he is eligible".

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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AMENDMENT No:4/97.

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service Regulations - Incorporation of provision defining the expression "Supernumerary Post" - Regulation 10 - Amendment - Issued.

(Per.) B.P. (F.B) No. 32.

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated : 6th May 1997,
Chithirai 23, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

i) G.O.Ms.No.146 P&A.R.(FR.IV) Department, dated 15.3.96.

ii) G.O.Ms.No.147 P&A.R.(FR.IV) Department, dated 15.3.96.

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Proceedings:

In the Departments of Government besides permanent posts certain posts are created temporarily. Supernumerary posts are created for a specific period to accommodate a person under certain circumstances when there are no vacancies in the category in which he has to be accommodated.

2. The term "Supernumerary Post" has not been defined in any of the rules of the State Government. No guidelines or instructions have so far been issued by the Government in the matter. The Government have therefore decided to adopt the broad principles governing the creation of Supernumerary Posts, contained in the Fundamental Rules of the Government of India and also to incorporate similar provisions in the

Fundamental Rules of the Tamil Nadu Government. The Government have therefore ordered in G.O. Ms.No.146 P & A.R. (FR.IV) Department , dated 15.3.96 that the broad principles governing the creation of supernumerary posts, outlined in the Fundamental Rules of the Government of India shall be followed while creating supernumerary posts **except the circumstance arising out of the orders passed by a Court/Tamil Nadu Administrative Tribunal**. Accordingly, the Government have suitable amended F.R.9.

3. Hence, following the orders of Government, the Board has decided to amend correspondingly the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service Regulations.

4. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 79(c) of the Electricity (supply) Act, 1948 (Central Act 54 of 1948), the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Service Regulations:-

Amendment

In the said Regulations, in regulation 10, after clause 24, the following clause and Rulings shall be inserted, namely:-

- (24-A) Supernumerary Post means a person oriented post created for a limited period and for a limited purpose to accommodate a person in certain contingencies.

Rulings

- (i) A Supernumerary Post is normally created to accommodate the lien of an employee who in the opinion of the authority competent to create such a post, is entitled to hold a lien against a regular permanent post but due to non-availability of a regular permanent post, cannot have his lien against such a post;
- (ii) It is a shadow post, that is no duties are attached to such posts. The officer whose lien is maintained against such a post, generally performs duties in some other vacant temporary or permanent post;
- (iii) It can be created retrospectively only if another vacant permanent or temporary post is non-available to accommodate the person whose lien is retained by the creation of the supernumerary post;
- (iv) It shall not be created for an indefinite period as other permanent posts are, but shall normally be created for a definite and fixed period sufficient for the purpose in view.
- (v) It is personal to the employee for whom it is created, and no other employee can be appointed against such a post. It stands abolished as soon as the employee for whom it was created, vacates it on account of retirement or confirmation in another regular permanent post or for any other reason;
- (vi) No extra financial commitment is involved in the creation of such posts in the form of increased pay and allowances, pensionary benefits etc., except the circumstances arising out of the orders passed by a Court of Law.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Memorandum (Per.) No.57972/E2/96-4, (Secretariat Branch) Dated the 7th May 1997.

Sub: Loans and Advances - House Building Advance - Inclusion of cost of Electrical Motor in the Estimate - Clarification - Issued.

- Ref: i) From the Superintending Engineer/Pudukkottai Letter No.015295/Entt./A2/F.HBA/96, dated 24.8.1996.
 ii) From the Superintending Engineer/Trichy Elec. Distn. Circle/North Lr.No.1/Adm. III/A1/F.HBA/97, dated 2.1.97.
 iii) Government Letter No.6746/HBA.I/97-1, (Housing and Urban Development Department, dated 24.2.97.

Certain Superintending Engineers have raised a point for clarification as to whether provision of electric motor in the estimate can be accepted for sanction of House Building Advance. The Government have stated that provision of electric motor in the estimate cannot be accepted for sanction of House Building Advance.

2. It is, therefore, clarified that the provision of electric motor in the estimate need not be accepted for sanction on House Building Advance.

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Memorandum No.20330/O&M-I (2) /97-2, (Secretariat Branch) Dated the 12th May 1997.

Sub: Establishment - Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Creation of one post of Chief Engineer/Electrical for period upto 30.4.97 - Ratification - Orders - Issued.

Ref: (Per) B.P. (Ch.) No.59 (SB) dated 14.3.97.

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby ratifies the creation of one post of Chief Engineer/Electrical for a period upto 30.4.97, ordered in the reference cited.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Delegation - Delegation of powers to Director/Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Printing Press on par with Superintending Engineers of Electricity Distribution Circles - Orders - Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No.34

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 14th May 1997,
Chithirai 31, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

- i. B.P.Ms.(FB) No. 84 (Secretariat Branch) dated 4.9.86.
- ii. (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 96, (Secretariat Branch) dated 22.12.95.
- iii. (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 230 (Technical Branch) dated 17.10.96.

Proceedings:

The In-house Management Consultancy Services (IMCS) of the Board took up a fresh study and evolved strategies to make the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Printing Press function as a Profit Centre. According to one of the recommendations, the Director/Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Printing Press be delegated with powers on par with Superintending Engineers of Electricity Distribution Circles for passing of bills and making payments in respect of staff entitlements, repair bills, suppliers bills, etc, as this would help to achieve motivated work-force and improved productivity. Immediate payment of suppliers' bills will bring more competitive offers for small works/purchases, which they are not able to get now. These recommendations of the In-house Management Consultancy Services have been examined.

2. After careful consideration, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby directs that the Director, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Printing Press be delegated with financial powers on par with Superintending Engineers in Distribution Circles for passing of bills and making payments in respect of staff entitlements, repair bills of the Printing machineries, suppliers bills, purchase of materials under open tender, limited tender and single tenders, passing and payment of imprest vouchers etc. in the interest of smooth administration of the Printing Press. The Director should obtain the orders of the Chief Engineer/Mechanical/Thermal Stations wherever essential.

3. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board further directs, that the above delegation of powers of Superintending Engineers will not entitle the Director of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Press to claim up-gradation of his post as Superintending Engineer or any right for promotion out-of-turn on the plea that he had exercised the powers of Superintending Engineer.

4. The Chief Financial Controller/General, Board Office Accounts Branch shall take action for issue of amendments to Tender Regulations.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Letter No. 051243/R3(2)/907/97-1, (Administrative Branch), dated 14.5.97.

Sub: Recruitment - Employment assistance to the dependants of the Board employees who died in harness - Entry of candidates with Bogus Education Qualification Certificates - Avoidance of - Instructions - Issued.

Ref: 1.This Branch Lr.No.017194/R3(2)/Instn./136/95-1 dated 13.2.95.

2. I.G. of Police/Vigilance Memo No.17388/ SSI/97-1 dated 9.4.97.

In the reference 1st cited, it has already been instructed that it is necessary in case of qualification below SSLC. (Failed) for getting the verification done for the genuineness of the Educational Qualification Certificates produced by the applicants.

2. In the reference 2nd cited, It has been instructed that before issuing appointment orders the veracity of Educational Qualification Certificate should be got verified at Educational Institution/School where the candidate studied.

3. In view of the above, irrespective of the Educational Qualifications of the applicants, the certificates i.e.Faculty of Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine/Diploma in Engineering issued by the University/State Board of Technical Education and Training, should also be referred to the competent educational authority concerned.

4. In the light of the above, it is therefore requested that no proposal in future should be sent to this Branch without confirming the bonafide of the Educational Qualification Certificate produced by the applicants. All the proposals seeking employment assistance on compassionate grounds should contain a certificate to the effect that the Educational Qualification Certificates produced by the applicants have been verified and confirmed by the competent educational authority vide letter dated.(The copy of letter must be enclosed).

5. The proposals already sent to this Branch without confirming the veracity of certificates will be returned in due course.

I.S. Sivaraman,
Chief Engineer (Personnel).

விடுமுறை - உள்நூர் விடுமுறை - சுதந்திரதினக் கோப்பை 1997 கிரிக்கெட் போட்டி - இந்தியா மற்றும் பாகிஸ்தான் அணிகளுக்கிடையே நடைபெறவிருக்கும் சுதந்திரதினக் கோப்பை கிரிக்கெட் போட்டி - 21-5-1997 ஆம் நாள் புதன்கிழமை அன்று சென்னை, அண்ணா மற்றும் எம்.ஜி.ஆர். மாவட்டங்களில் உள்ள தமிழ்நாடு மின்வாரிய அலுவலகங்களுக்கு உள்நூர் விடுமுறை - அளிக்கப்படுகிறது.

(வரலாயம்) வாரிய நடைமுறை (தலைவர்) எண்: 28

(செயலகக் கிளை)

நாள் 15-5-1997,

வைகாசி-1, ஈஸ்வர,

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2028.

பார்வை:

அரசு ஆணை (வரலாயம்) எண் 1723 பொது (பல்வகை)த் துறை நாள் 6-5-97.

வாரிய நடைமுறை :

சென்னை, அண்ணா மற்றும் எம்.ஜி.ஆர். மாவட்டங்களில் உள்ள தமிழ்நாடு மின்வாரிய அலுவலகங்களுக்கு, இந்தியா மற்றும் பாகிஸ்தான் அணிகளுக்கிடையே சென்னையில் நடைபெறவிருக்கும், சுதந்திரதினக் கோப்பை 1997 போட்டியைக் கண்டுள்ளிக்கும் வகையில் 1997ம் ஆண்டு மே மாதம் 21ஆம் நாள் புதன்கிழமை விடுமுறை வழங்கப்படுகிறது..

B.B. - 3 (May '97)

2. 21-5-1997 அளிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள உள்நூர் விடுமுறையை ஈடுசெய்யும் வகையில் சென்னை, அண்ணா மற்றும் எம்.ஜி.ஆர். மாவட்டங்களில் உள்ள தமிழ்நாடு மின்வாரிய அலுவலகங்கள் ஜூன் மாதம் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை 14-6-1997 அன்று செயல்படும்.

(தலைவரின் ஆணைப்படி)

பெ.ஆ. காஜா கலீல் ரஹ்மான்,
செயலர்.

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Labour - Workers participation in Industry in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Nomination of members representing the Board and employees in the Apex Level Joint Committee/Unit Level Joint Committees - Further extension - Orders issued.

Permanent B.P. (Ch) No.216.

(Administrative Branch)

Dated the 17-5-1997,
Vaigasi 3, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

1. B.P. Ms. (Ch) No.111 Administrative Branch dated 27.2.1986.
2. B.P. Ms. (Ch) No.665 Administrative Branch dated 21.11.1988.
3. Per. B.P. (Ch) No.59 Administrative Branch dated 6.3.1995.
4. Per. B.P. (Ch) No.441 Administrative Branch dated 18.11.1995.

Proceedings:

In the B.P. 4th cited, the period for the Apex Level Joint Committee/Unit Level Joint Committee was extended upto 20.11.96. After careful examination, it is hereby ordered that the period for the Apex Level Joint Committee/Unit Level Joint Committee shall be extended for 7 months from 21.11.96.

(By Order of the Chairman)

I.S. Sivaraman,
Chief Engineer (Personnel).

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Establishment - Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Th. C. Chandramouli, I.A.S., Formerly Collector, Dindigul Mannar Tirumalai District on deputation as Director of Projects in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Appointment-Orders - Issued.

(Per.) B.P. (Ch) No.117,

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 22nd May 1997,
Vaikasi 8, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

- (i) Per. B.P. (FB) No.9, (Secretariat Branch) dated 13.2.97.
- (ii) G.O. Rt. No.1796, Public (Spl.A) Department, dated 12.5.97.

Proceedings:

Thiru C. Chandramouli, IAS., formerly Collector, Dindigul Mannar Tirumalai District whose services have been placed at the disposal of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board on foreign service in the G.O. cited is appointed as Director of Projects, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, with effect from the date of assuming charge against the new post sanctioned in the reference first cited.

2. The terms and conditions of deputation of Thiru C.Chandramouli, IAS., on foreign service, will be as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.167, Public (Spl.A) Department, dated 21.2.'94.

(By Order of the Chairman)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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Establishment - Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Duties and Functions of Director of Projects created in the rank of Joint Secretary to Government - Orders - Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (Ch.) No. 119,

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 23rd May 1997,
Valkasi 9, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

(Per.) B.P. (FB) No.9 (Secretariat Branch) dated 13.2.97.

Proceedings:

The Power Projects of different base - Coal, Lignite, Gas, Hydro and other residual fuel based projects have been engaging the attention of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board-for the past few years. Memoranda of understanding in Power Projects have been entered into by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Techno-Economic clearance is required to be obtained for certain projects. Sanction of Detailed Project Reports has to be got from the various Departments of Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India and Central Electricity Authority. Power Purchase Agreements have to be examined and finalised. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has to start its own new Project. In all the above cases, the Government of Tamil Nadu, Government of India and Central Electricity Authority have to be consulted and moved for getting the necessary approval and clearance. Therefore one post of Director of Projects has been sanctioned.

2. It is here by ordered that the following shall be the Duties and Functions of the Director of Projects:-

1. Duties

a) Project monitoring

1. Identify the areas of slippage in progress like delay in supply of materials, erection and commissioning of the Power Plants - in all the power projects.
2. Periodical discussions with Chief Engineer/Hydro, Chief Engineer/Projects Thermal and Gas Stations, Chief Engineer/Civil Designs, of Headquarters Office, Chennai with regard to item 1 above to expedite the works.
3. Visit to on-going Projects and new future projects with Chairman/Member (Generation) or independently, to get apprised of the Project activities, to hold discussions and review the progress of works at site. Follow up at Headquarters office for any pending approvals relating to the Projects, as expressed by the Project authorities.

4. Take up issues relating to Forest Clearance, Environmental aspects of on-going projects if any, especially on power evacuation system like 'Way-Leave' etc. with the concerned authorities/agencies and obtain the required clearances wherever things get delayed and stalled.
5. To generate and put up periodical reports on the progress of various on-going projects to Chairman through Member (Generation).

b) New Projects:

1. Formulation of new Hydro, Thermal and Gas Projects, based on the Projected demand and load growth.
2. Take up the issues like sanction of the detailed project reports with the Government of Tamil Nadu, Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and obtain their clearance, by undertaking required visits and holding discussions with the concerned officials, to expedite matters.
3. In respect of Independent Power Projects, Periodical discussions with Chief Engineer/ Independent Power Project and Developers are to be held. The areas of concern like statutory clearances for the project, Techno Economic clearance by Central Electricity Authority, capital cost of the Project and Tariff Structure are to be discussed. Negotiations on Power Purchase agreement based on Government of India guidelines are to be conducted with the Independent Power Projects, including Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation short gestation power projects.
4. Associate with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation, by extending Technical support relating to their power projects like Jayam Kondam Lignite Project and LNG based Integrated power project in Ennore.

c) General

- i) He shall submit files to Chairman through the Member (Generation).
- ii) He shall carry out any other duty entrusted to him by Chairman/Member (Generation) from time to time.

2. Training

1. He shall be deputed for training to the reputed institutions like Administrative staff College of India, Hyderabad, Management Development Institute, New Delhi and Tata Energy Research Institute, New Delhi on the following subjects-
 - a) Project formulation and implementation
 - b) Independent Power Projects:
 - Power Purchase agreements
 - Fuel Supply agreements
 - Fuel Pricing and market Mechanism
 - Environmental aspects relating to Power Projects.
 - Fuels - Various options
 - Non Conventional Sources of Energy
2. Study of various Detailed project reports - One each in Hydro, Thermal and Gas Based Projects.

(By Order of the Chairman)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Telephones - Ceiling limits on number of telephone calls - Avoidance of excess expenditure - Revised ceilings - Ordered.

Permanent B.P. (Ch) No. 121

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated : 24-5-1997,
Vaigasi 10, Esvara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

Ref: (Permanent) B.P.(Ch) No.147/Adm.Br./dt.9.5.95.

Proceedings:

In the B.P. cited, orders were issued fixing the ceiling limits on expenditure of call charges for various categories of officers. The matter has been reviewed having regard to the expenditure incurred and also the necessity to fix up the ceiling limits for a telephone expenditure of various officers based on the nature of work and the post held. After careful consideration, it has been decided to follow revised procedure and to fix ceiling on number of calls in the office telephones and residential telephones. Accordingly, the following revised ceilings on telephone calls for the office telephones and residential telephones of various officers of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board are ordered to be followed with effect from 1-6-1997.

Categories of Officers

Ceiling on Telephone Calls

Office Telephones

1. Chairman and Members of the Board.		Total exemption.
2. Inspector General of Police/Vigilance/ Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.	}	5,000 calls (Ceiling) including free calls excluding rental charges (Bi-monthly)
3. Secretary		
4. Chief Engineers		
5. Chief Financial Controllers		
6. Director of Projects		
7. All Distribution Superintending Engineers & Legal Adviser	}	3,500 calls including free calls excluding rental charges (Bi-monthly)
8. Other Superintending Engineers, Financial Controllers, Deputy Secretaries, Industrial Relations Adviser, Chief Public Relations Officer and other Officers.	}	2,500 calls including free calls excluding rental charges (Bi-monthly)

Residential Telephones

1. Chairman and Members of the Board	Total exemption
2. Inspector General of Police/Vigilance, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	2,000 calls (ceiling) including free calls excluding rental charges (Bi-monthly)

3. Secretary	}	2000 Calls (ceiling) including free Calls excluding rentals charges (Bi-monthly)
4. Director of Projects		
5. Chief Engineers	}	1,500 calls including free calls excluding rental charges (Bi-monthly)
6. Chief Financial Controllers		
7. All Distribution Superintending Engineers	}	1,000 calls including free calls excluding rental charges. (Bi-monthly)
8. Chief Public Relations Officer		
9. Financial Controller	}	600 calls including free calls excluding rental charges. (Bi-monthly)
10. Legal Adviser		
11. Industrial Relations Adviser		
12. Deputy Secretaries		
13. Chief Internal Audit Officer		
14. Senior Personnel Officers		
15. Deputy Chief Engineer and all other officials who are entitled to Residential phone		

2. The ceilings fixed in para 1 above should be strictly followed. Any excess expenditure in this behalf should be met only with the prior approval of the Chairman. No proposal for ratification by Chairman of incurring excess expenditure shall be entertained.

(By Order of the Chairman)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Memorandum No.CE/H/PA/A3/1813/94-23, (Technical Branch), Dated 27.5.97.

Sub: Establishment - Class II Service - Appointment of Medical Officers on contract basis, Generation Circle, Kundah - Extension of service beyond contract period - Ratification - Orders - Issued.

Ref: Per.B.P. (Ch) No.88 (Technical Branch) dated 3.5.97.

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby ratifies extending the services of two Medical Officers for a further period of 6 months.

(BY Order of the Board)

R. Sengottaiyan,
Chief Engineer/Hydro.

Delegation - Delegation of powers to Chief Engineer/Civil Designs for sanctioning consent fees - Payable to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - Orders - Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No.39.

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 27th May 1997,
Vaikasi 13, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

B.P.Ms. (FB) No.96 (Secretariat Branch) dated 21.11.85.

Proceedings:

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby directs that the Chief Engineer/ Civil Designs be delegated with powers to sanction consent fees payable to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for obtaining environmental clearance for new schemes/projects.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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Circular Memorandum No.35970-P3/95-1, (Secretariat Branch), Dated 27.5.1997.

Sub: procedure for dealing with communications from Public representatives/Outside authorities relating to service matters of employees - Instructions issued.

The Government in Letter No.9637/A/95-2, P&A.R.(A) Department, dated 24.4.95 issued instructions following that of the Government of India on the procedure for taking action on the communications from public representatives/outside authorities relating to the service matters of Government employees as follows:-

- a. Communications received from public representatives regarding problems of groups/categories of Government functionaries must be entertained and dealt with on a time-bound basis. In all such cases, after due examination, appropriate replies would continue to be issued at the level of the Minister concerned.
- b. All Communications from public representatives relating to the grievances of the retired personnel should receive the same consideration and be dealt with in the same way as outlines in (a) above.
- c. In cases in which a public representative sponsors the case of an individual Government servant (Eg.recruitment, appointment, promotion, posting to particular station, appointment to a specific position, complaints against supersession, expunction of adverse remarks, allotment of Government accommodation, etc. a formal reply should continue to be sent from the Minister

acknowledging the receipt of the communication stating that the contents of the letter have been noted and where necessary, suggesting that the person whose case has been recommended may be advised to represent his case through proper official channels. All such communication addressed to the Minister shall be replied to at his/her level. In all such cases the formal reply given by the Minister shall be deemed to dispose off the communication unless there are further directions from the Minister in the matter.

2. The Board also is receiving number of representations from Public representatives/Outside authorities relating to service matters of the Board employees and also on the sanction of pension and other terminal benefits relating to retired Board employees. It has been decided to take similar action on the representations received from such Public representatives/outside authorities in these matters.

3. Accordingly, all the officers concerned in the Board are requested to follow the procedure outlined in paragraph 1 above and arrange to acknowledge receipt of the representations and send suitable replies in the cases of the type referred to therein. Wherever representations have been made directly to the Minister or Chairman the replies will be sent by the Chairman.

4. Receipt of this Circular Memo. may be acknowledged.

(By Order of the Chairman)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

(Permanent) Memo. No. 27091-C2/97-1, (Secretariat Branch), dt. 28.05.1997.

Sub: Establishment - Disciplinary Proceedings for violation of the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board employees conduct regulations and circulars issued by the Board - Applicability to workmen covered by Standing Orders - Certain instructions already issued - Clarification.

Ref: i) Board's Memo. No. 51164-C2/80-32, dt. 5.4.89.
ii) Board's Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-3, dt. 28.7.89.
iii) Board's Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-4, dt. 5.12.89.

In Board's Memo. No. 51164-C2/80-32, dt. 5.4.89, instructions were issued that disciplinary action may be taken against the workmen covered by the Standing Orders for violation of the provisions in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Conduct Regulations in respect of matters for which there is no provision in the Standing Orders, by treating such provision of the Conduct Regulations to be a lawful and reasonable order of superiors within the meaning of Standing Order 30(1)/19(i) of the certified Standing Orders applicable to workmen and staff under clerical departments of the Board respectively.

2. The General Secretary/Central Organisation of Tamil Nadu Electricity Employees, filed Writ Petition No. 9198/89 challenging the above orders. The High Court, Madras by order dt. 13.7.89 in W.M.P. No. 13170/89 in W.P. No. 9198/89, had granted interim stay for operation of the orders issued in Memo. dt. 5.4.89 under reference first cited.

3. In view of the interim-stay ordered by the High Court, the Board in Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-3, dt. 28.7.89 ordered that the instructions issued in Memo. No. 51164/C2/80-32, (Secretariat) dt. 5.4.89 be kept in abeyance.

4. Further, in Board's Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-4, dt. 5.12.89, orders were issued as below:-

Pending further consideration and a decision in the matter, if there are cases of workmen who are to be proceeded against for violation of the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Employees' Conduct Regulations/Circulars in respect of matter for which there are no provisions in the Standing Orders, the concerned workmen should be informed of the lapses committed by him without actually initiating disciplinary proceedings and that he should specifically be informed that disciplinary proceedings are not initiated for the lapses, in view of the instructions in Board's Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-3, dt. 28.7.89 and Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-4, dt. 5.12.89 and the right to take disciplinary proceedings for the lapses after the receipt of final orders, is reserved.

5. In W.P. No. 9198/89 filed by the Central Organisation of Tamil Nadu Electricity Employees after hearing the arguments on both the sides, the High Court allowed the Writ Petition.

6. The Board has filed a Writ Appeal, in W.A. No. 865/96, against the orders of the Single Judge and the same has been admitted by the Division Bench of the High Court. The Writ Appeal filed by the Board is pending in the High Court.

7. In the circumstances, the instructions issued in Board's Memo. No. 51164-C2/80-32, dt. 5.4.89 and in Memo. No. 35662-C2/89-4, dt. 5.12.89, referred to in para 4 above become not enforceable.

8. A revised instructions in regard to sanctioning the House Building Advance will be issued separately.

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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Allowances - Sanction of Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance during the period of training outside the Power House to the staff of Mettur Thermal Power Station - Orders - Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No.40

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 29th May 1997,
Vaikasi 15, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

- i) (Per.) B.P. (FB) No. 100 (Secretariat Branch), dated 27.10.94.
- ii) Copy of CE/MTPS Lr. No. CE/MTPS/Adm. III/A.4/F.T.I.A./PR 3383/94, dated 29.11.94.
- iii) From CE/MTPS Lr. No. CE/SE/P&A/MTPS/Adm. III (4)/PR 195-3/96, dated 11.12.96.

Proceedings:

Orders were issued in B.P. Ms. No. 309, dated 7.3.78 for payment of Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance to the employees in the Ennore Thermal Power Station and Basin Bridge Power House. It was ordered in the said B.P., inter-alia, that they will not be eligible for this allowance:-

- (a) during periods of absence on leave other than casual leave or special casual leave or compensatory leave.
- (b) during suspension.
- (c) for a period of one month, when the employee is charge-sheeted for any reason, the payment for the month being restored only if he is exonerated.

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2. A scheme dentical to the scheme of payment of Thermal Incentive Allowance as applicable to employees of Ennore Thermal Power Station has subsequently been introduced for the Tuticorin Thermal Power Station in the year 1983. During 1993, further changes were made to the above incentive scheme amending the Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance and Annual Thermal Incentive Bonus to the employees of Ennore Thermal Power Station and Tuticorin Thermal Power Station. Orders were issued in the B.P. first cited extending the benefit of Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance to the employees of the Mettur Thermal Power Station also. However, in the said B.P. a new condition viz., that the employees will not be eligible for the Thermal Incentive Allowance during the training period outside the power house, was included. Such a restrictive clause is not found in the orders issued earlier in respect of employees of Ennore Thermal Power Station and Tuticorin Thermal Power Station.

3. The Chief Engineer/Mettur Thermal Power Station has requested that necessary amendment deleting the conditional clause restricting the drawal of Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance during the training period at Mettur Thermal Power Station, may be issued.

4. The matter has been examined in detail. The employees of the Power House are being deputed by the Board for the training conducted by the Board outside the Power House. When the employees working at Ennore Thermal Power Station and Tuticorin Thermal Power Station are deputed for such training by the Board, they are eligible for the Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance. Hence the incentive benefit need not be curtailed to the employees of Mettur Thermal Power Station alone during the training period.

5. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, after careful consideration, hereby directs that the clause (1) (c) (iii) of para 2 of the B.P. first cited be deleted and that the Monthly Thermal Incentive Allowance be paid to the employees working in Mettur Thermal Power Station even for the period of training as is being done in the case of employees of Ennore Thermal Power Station and Tuticorin Thermal Power Station.

6. The receipt of this B.P. shall be acknowledged.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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Establishment - Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Posting of Mechanical Engineers as Chief Engineer for Thermal Stations and creation of one post of Chief Engineer/Non-Conventional Energy Sources - Ordered - Further Orders - Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No. 42

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 30th May 1997,
Vaikasi 16, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

(Permanent) B.P. (F.B) No.30 (Secretariat Branch) dated 5.5.97.

Proceedings :

In the Board's Proceedings cited, it was ordered that the posts of Chief Engineer/Electrical in the Thermal Stations be redesignated as Chief Engineer/Electrical/Mechanical for posting either one of them as Chief Engineer, taking into account the suitability, capability and experience as assessed by the Chairman at the time of filling up of the post.

2. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board further directs that at no time there will be more than one Chief Engineer/Mechanical in Thermal Stations.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

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Memorandum No.10594-P2/97-1, (Secretariat Branch) Dated the 31st May 1997.

Sub: Retirement Benefits - Encashment of leave at the time of Retirement - Encashment of leave on private affairs and payment of full leave salary for the period of earned leave exceeding 180 days - Clarification - Issued.

Ref: (Per.) B.P. (FB) No.75 (Secretariat Branch) dated 6.11.96.

In the B.P. cited, orders have been issued inter-alia for the encashment of 50% of leave on private affairs standing to the credit of the employees at the time of retirement upto a maximum of 90 days, with full leave salary and for the Pay Drawing Officers to draw the leave salary due on encashment of leave on private affairs as in the case of encashment of earned leave.

2. It is now clarified that the competent leave sanctioning authority shall suo motu draw and disburse the cash benefits of encashment of leave on private affairs, with reference to the orders issued in the Board's Proceedings cited in case of Board employees, without insisting on formal sanction orders on the date of retirement or on the date of termination of extension of service, as the case may be, or on the next working day, following the date of retirement or termination of extension of service, if the date of retirement or termination of extension of service happens to be a holiday.

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

FINANCE

PART- III

Finance

Circular No. 47755/851/BOAB/F/U-III/97, (Audit Branch) Dt. 6-5-1997.

Sub: Regulations—T.N.E.B.—General Provident Fund Regulations—Final Payment of Minors Share of the Defacto Guardian—Enhancement of Ceiling line to Rs. 10,000/- Amendment to Note (1) and Note (2) (a) Under Regulation 33—Correction—Issued.

Ref: (Per.) B. P. (Ch) No. 1 (Audit Branch), dt. 24-4-1997.

The (Permanent) B. P. (Ch.) No. 1, (Audit Branch), dated 24-4-1997 already issued may be read as (per) B. P. (F.B.) No. 1 (Audit Branch), dt. 24-4-1997.

R. N. Rajan,
Chief Internal Audit Officer.



Uniform—Supply of uniform to the eligible employees of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board—Revision of stitching charges—Orders issued.

(Per.) B.P. (Ch.) No. 209

(Administrative Branch)

Dated the 8th May 1997,
Chithirai 25, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read :

1. (Per.) B.P. (CH) No. 60 (Adm. Br.) dated, 17-2-94.
 2. (Per.) B.P. (FB) No. 26 (Adm. Br.) dated, 9-5-94.
 8. From the Duffadors/Office Helpers representation dt. 8-1-97.
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Proceedings :

The stitching charges for the uniform cloths supplied by the Board are being paid to the eligible employees at the following rates :—

Full pant	:	Rs. 60/-
Full shirts	:	Rs. 25/-
Half shirts	:	Rs. 20/-
Bush coat	:	Rs. 25/-
Blouse	:	Rs 15/-

Certain employees have represented for increasing the rates stating that the charges now paid is much less than the market rates.

2. After careful examination of the request, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board directs that the stitching charges be increased to the eligible employees at the following rates, subject to satisfying the other conditions in this regard.

Full pant	:	Rs. 75/-
Furl shirts	:	Rs. 30/-
Half shirts	:	Rs. 25/-
Bush coat	:	Rs. 30/-
Blouse	:	Rs. 20/-

3. The orders will take effect from the date of proceedings and previous claims shall not be revised.

(By Order of the Chairman)

I. S. Sivaraman,
Chief Engineer (Personnel).



ALLOWANCES—House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance—Regulation of places within a distance of 16 Kms. from Coimbatore City limit—Orders—Issued.

Permanent B.P. (Ch) No. 111

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated 9th May 1997,
Chithirai 26, Eawara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028,

Read :

- i) B.P. Ms. (FB) No. 4 (SB) dated 1—2—86.
- ii) G O. Ms. No. 241, Finance (Allowances) Department dated 16—3—94.

Proceedings :

In the B.P. cited, certain place have been notified for drawal of House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance within a distance of 32 Kms. from Madras City and 16 Kms. from the cities of Madurai, Tenkasi, Salem and Coimbatore.

2. The Government in their order second cited, have directed that the staff working in the Semmedu Village, Hamlet of Ikkaraipoluvampatti Main Village may be allowed City Compensatory Allowance with effect from 1—3—94 in addition to House Rent Allowance already allowed as applicable to Coimbatore City.

3. After careful consideration, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby directs that the above orders of the Government shall be adopted by the Board.

4. These orders shall take effect from 1—3—94.

(By Order of the Chairman)

P.A. Khaja Kheleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Delegation—Delegation of powers to Senior Chemists to pass order for payment under imprest voucher upto Rs. 200/- on par with Assistant Executive Engineers—Orders—Issued.

(Permanent) B. P. (FB) No. 33

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 12th May 1997,
Chithirai 29, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read :

1. (Per) B.P. (Ch) No. 128 (Thchl. Br.) dt. 24—6—83.
2. (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 42 (Sectt. Br.) dt. 20—6—95.

Proceedings:

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board directs that the Senior Chemists in the Thermal Power Stations be permitted to make pass order for payment under imprest voucher upto Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred only) on par with Assistant Executive Engineers.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.



Memo. No. 921/DTS/AEEI/A6/97 (Technical Branch) Dated 13—5—1997.

Sub : Apprentices Act 1961—Enhancement of rates of Stipend payable to I.T.I. trade apprentices—Effective from 26—12—95—Regarding.

- Ref :
1. B.P. Ms. (FB) No. 51 (Adm. Branch) dt. 26—6—85.
 2. G.O. Ms. No. 91 (Labour and Employment Dept.) dt. 19—7—96.
 3. Regional Joint Director of Training, Guindy, Chennai-600032 RC NO. ATS—1/4462/96, dt. 30—8—1996.

The Government of India have enhanced the minimum rates of stipend payable to I.T.I. trade apprentices engaged under apprentices Act 1961 (Amended to Apprenticeship Rules, 1962 vide notification GSR 863 (E) Published in the Gazette of India Part-II Section-3, Sub-section 1 on 19—10—87) as follows :—

1. During the first year of training — Rs. 580/- p.m.
2. During the second year of training — Rs. 670/- p.m.
3. During the third year of training — Rs. 770/- p.m.
4. During the fourth year training — Rs. 880/- p.m.

The revised rates of stipend are effective from 26—12—95 as per Lr. No. RD/MS/T 11011/S/96, dt. 11—1—96 received from the Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training, Government of India, Southern Region, Chennai-600032. The Regional Joint Director of Training, Guindy, Chennai-600032 in the reference third cited has already communicated the enhancement of the stipend to all the Assistant Director/ RI Centres, Principals of I.T.I.s and requested to intimate all the establishments coming under their jurisdiction. It has also been requested to pay the revised rates of stipend to the apprentices whose contracts have already been registered with the Director of Employment and training, Chepauk, Chennai, -5 and in respect of contracts to be sent to them for registration, the establishments may be advised to indicate the revised rates in the contract forms.

After careful consideration, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board approves the payment of stipend to the I.T.I. trade apprentices at the above enhanced revised minimum rates prescribed by the Government of India with effect from 26—12—95. Accordingly the Superintending Engineers are requested to arrange to claim and make payment of stipend at the enhanced revised rates according to their apprenticeship training in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, wherever the increased rates are applicable (i.e. during the first, second, third and fourth year of training as the case may be) and to send a report thereon to this office. At present the Trade Apprentice Training is of a maximum duration of 3 years.

Further, if any, doubt arises in applying the enhanced revised minimum rates of stipend payable to any of the I.T.I. trades, the Assistant Director of Training/RI Centre or the nearest Government I.T.I. Centre may be contacted for clarification in the matter.

The Superintending Engineers of Board are also requested to make necessary budget provision based on the revised rates for the number of I.T.I.s apprentices assigned for each system/circle as per B.P. first cited.

(By Order of the Chairman)

S. Thiagarajan,
Chief Engineer/NCES & R&D.



Poompuhar Shipping Corporation—'On-account' payments for chartered vessels and yen loan—repayment accounts—Settlement—approval.

Permanent B. P. (FB) No. 91 (Technical Branch)

Dated: 13-5-97,
Chithirai 30, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read: Item 26 of the Minutes of 767th Meeting of the Board held on 30-4-97.

Proceedings :

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board approves the following :

1. To adopt simple interest rate of 17% per annum upto 31-8-96 on the cash adhoc released by TNEB to M/s. PSC for PSC's own vessels Tamil Anna, Tamil Periyar, and Tamil Kamaraj as against the interest rate of 22% per annum until such time of refund of amount as already approved vide B.P. (FB) No. 160 (Technical Branch) dt. 6-7-96.

2. To adjust the cash adhoc amount of Rs. 86,97,91,159.50 (Rupees Eighty six Crores ninety seven lakhs, ninety one thousand, one hundred and fifty nine and paise fifty only) along with the interest calculated at 17% per annum upto 31-8-96 amounting to Rs. 30,36,53,155.00 (Rupees thirty Crores, thirty six lakhs, fifty three thousand, one hundred and fifty five only) totalling to Rs. 117,34,44,314.50 (Rupees One hundred and seventeen Crores, thirty four lakhs, forty four thousand three hundred and fourteen and paise fifty only) due from PSC from the balance amount payable to PSC by TNEB on Yen-Rupee exchange rate variation on principal in 8 annual instalments starting from 1-4-97 to 1-4-2004 of Rs. 135,45,92,574.50 (Rupees One hundred thirty five Crores, forty five lakhs, ninety two thousand, five hundred and seventy four and paise fifty only) without discounting.

3. To adjust the balance amount of Rs. 18,11,48,260/- (Rupees eighteen crores, eleven lakhs, forty eight thousand, two hundred and sixty only) available after adjustment as in para 2 against the amount of Rs. 44,31,20,586.00 (Rupees forty four Crores, thirty one lakhs, twenty thousand, five hundred and eighty six only) due from PSC towards excess amount received by them for chartered Vessels 'On-account' payment for the period from 9/79 to 3/95.

4. After the above adjustments, an amount of Rs. 26,19,72,326.00 (Rupees Twenty six Crores, nineteen lakhs, seventy two thousand, three hundred and twenty six only) is still due from PSC to TNEB and this amount may be adjusted as below :

i. PSC's own vessel freight bills withheld from 1-10-96 to 10-3-97	Rs. 14,81,05,330/-
ii. From the old claims of PSC towards administrative charges for chartered vessels, freight rate difference and insurance for own vessels and settlement of retrenched amount of Rs. 2,12,83,982/-	Rs. 11,38,66,996/-

If the amount falls short of the amount to be adjusted, the same will be recovered from future freight bills of PSC's own vessels.

(By Order of the Board)

M. Paramesivam,
Chief Engineer/Mechanical/Coal.

Letter No. CFC / CAG / 14322 / 97 (Accts. Br.) dt. 14-5-97.

Sub : Uniform Commercial Accounting System—Restructuring of Account Nos. for Revenue from Sale of Power consequent to revision of Tariff.

Ref : G.O. Ms. No. 17, Energy dt. 14-2-97.

Consequent to the revision of Tariff ordered in the G.O. cited, the following Account codes are prescribed :

Tariff	Description of consumers	Account No. for Sundry Debtors for Sale of Power	Account No. for Revenue from Sale of Power E/MD/PF
HIGH TENSION :			
I.	Registered Factories, Tea Estate etc.	23.111	61.211 61.212 61.213
II.	Recognised Educational Institutions etc.	23.113	61.231 61.232 61.233
III.	Commercial & All categories not covered under H.T.I, II, IV & V.	23.116	61.261 61.262 61.263
IV.	Lift Irrigation & Co-op. Societies for Agriculture	23.115	61.251 61.252 61.253
V.	Supply to pondicherry	23.601	61.101
LOW TENSION :			
IA	Domestic purpose	23.101	61.310
IB	Huts in Village Panchayat	23.109	61.390
IIA	Public lighting & Public Water supply	23.102	61.320
IIB	Recognised educational institutions, Laboratories Cinema Studio etc.	23.106	61.360
IIIA	Cottage & Tiny Industry etc.	23.103	61.330
IIIB	Coffee grinding, Ice factory etc.	23.104	61.340
IV	Agriculture	23.105	61.350
V	Commercial & all categories not covered in IA etc.	23.106	61.370

S, Thangaratnam,
Chief Financial Controller.

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board—Employees Special Provident Fund—Cum—Gratuity Scheme—Payment of interest on the employee's subscription beyond 148th instalment—Revised orders—Issued.

(Permanent) B. P. (FB) No. 35

(Secretariat Branch)

Dt. 15th may 1997,
Vaikasi 1, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read :

1. (Per.) B. P. Ma. (FB) No. 76, (SB) dated 31—8—85.
2. (Per.) B. P. (FB) No. 123 (SB) dated 7—12—93,
3. (Per.) B. P. (FB) No. 55 (SB) dated 28—7—94.
4. G. O. Ms. No. 62, Finance (Pen.) dated 11—2—97.

Proceedings :

Based on the orders of Government in G. O. No. 136 Finance (Pension) dated 29—2—84, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has introduced in the B.P. first cited, Special Provident Fund-cum-Gratuity Scheme for the employees of the Board. According to the said orders, an employee has to pay Rs. 20/p. m. till one month prior to the date of superannuation or till the subscription together with interest adds upto Rs. 5,000/- whichever is earlier. In the case of employee retiring on superannuation he will be paid the actual amount of subscription together with interest thereon and in addition, the Board will be contribution a fixed amount of Rs. 5,000/-. Subsequently, in the B. P. second and third cited, the Board extended the Board's contribution of Rs. 5,000/- to persons retiring from service voluntarily and on medical invalidation also.

2. In the said B. P. dated 31—8—85 the repayment table has been prepared with interest rate of 8% per annum (Compounded monthly) for the first stage, and with the G. P. F. rate of interest of 9% per annum (compounded annually) prevailing at that time for the second stage. Under rule 5 of the rules prescribed for the regulation of the scheme, the subscription shall carry 8% compound interest till the amount reaches Rs. 5,000/- and afterwards it shall be treated on par with G. P. F. contribution and the G. P. F. rate of interest will apply. As G. P. F. rate of interest at the time of introduction of the scheme was 9% and as the rate of interest for G. P. F. has been revised by the Government from time to time since 1984 and having regard to the current rate of interest of 12% for G.P.F. for 1996—97 the Government in the G. O. fourth cited have ordered to allow current G. P. F. rate of interest of 12% in the case of Special Provident Fund-Cum-Gratuity Scheme also,

3. following the orders of Government mentioned in para 2 above, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has decided to allow current rate of interest for G. P. F. accumulation namely 12% per annum instead of 9% per annum on the second stage of interest calculation tabulated in the reference first cited. Accordingly, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board issues the following orders :—

- (i) Those employees subscribing to the scheme and retire before 148th instalment shall receive gross amount as per the table already given in the Board's Proceedings dt. 31—8—85 (This amount is inclusive of Board's contribution of Rs. 5,000/-),
- (ii) Those who have already subscribed 148 instalments as at the end of the month of July 1996, shall be paid the principal amount of Rs. 5,021/- plus the interest thereon at 12% per annum compounded annually plus the Board's contribution of Rs. 5,000/- The sanctioning authorities shall work out the interest and sanction the payment under the scheme.

(By Order of the Board)

P. A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary,

Circular No. 309/DFC/T/A1/97 (Accts. Br.) dated 15—5—97.

Sub : Tenders—Finalisation ordering commencement and completion of supply of materials/contracted work—Codified Instructions—Issued.

Of late, it has been observed that

- (i) there are large number of Tenders pending finalisation by the competent authority even after the lapse of time frame fixed.
- (ii) supply of materials ordered/execution of work contracted is not commenced as agreed to.
- (iii) supply of materials/work commenced is not completed within the time frame agreed to in the P.O./agreements.

These delays cause considerable financial strain to the Board besides delay in completing the capital programmes scheduled.

On an analysis, it was found that at the end of November 96, there were 129 cases of purchase orders where supply was not commenced even after the delivery period was over and in 102 cases, supply was not completed even though the delivery period was over by more than one year. In 31 cases, the supply was not completed against the P.O. issued five years earlier.

Instructions of finalising tenders have been in the Board's memo. No. CH/TA/HC/T2/82—1, dt. 1—3—82, when single part system of Tenders was in vogue. Now that 2 part system of Tenders is also being adopted, the time frame for the finalisation of Tenders has to be modified suitably.

In order to speed up the proceedings and enforce early commencement and timely completion of supply/works the following instructions are issued:—

(1) Wherever the supplier does not commence supply as agreed to, the EMD/SD paid by him should be forfeited in terms of the purchase order/contract and his name blacklisted after due notice. His bad performance should be recorded for reference in future ordering. In addition the difference in the prices agreed to by the failed supplier and the higher rate at which the materials are to be procured from others, because of the failure of the ordered supplier, should be recovered from the failed Supplier. Necessary provision to this effect should be incorporated in all specifications.

(a) Responsibility should be fixed on the officers concerned in case of non-compliance of the above instructions.

(3) Time frames for finalisation of various classes of Tenders are indicated in the Annexure. These time frames should be followed strictly and delay, if any, noticed at any level, will be viewed seriously.

Receipt of this circular should be acknowledged to Financial Controller/Purchase.

Encl : One.

S. Thangaratnam,
Chief Financial Controller.

Encl. :

ANNEXURE**Time Frame for finalisation of Tenders.**

Sl. No.	Stages	Local Bids				Inter National bids/ADB/WB Tenders/ Open Tenders
		Single part Tender		Two part Tender		
		Limited Tender	Open Tender	Limited Tender	Open Tender	
1.	Preparation of specification	2	2	2	3	10
2.	Sending of enquiries	3	6	6	7	10
3.	Allowing time for submission of tenders	30	30	30	30	60
4.	Tender opening and preparation of readout statements	2	3	3	3	2
5.	Clarification if any	5	7	7	7	15
6.	Preparation of tender Note	3	5	5	7	10
7.	Negotiation if necessary	10	10	10	12	18
8.	Tender analysis					
	(1) Technical Branch	4	5	5	5	20
	(2) Accounts Branch	2	3	3	3	5
9.	Preparation of note to the competent authority					
	(1) Technical Branch	4	5	5	5	10
	(2) Accounts Branch	2	3	3	3	5
10.	Approval of the Competent authority	3	5	5	5	10
11.	Preparation of draft P.O.	3	4	4	4	5
12.	Issue of P.O.	2	2	2	2	5
	Total days	75	90	90	96	185



Letter No. 16008/E2/97—2 (Secretariat Branch) Dated the 17th May, 1997.

Sub : Loans and Advances—Technical Education Loan—Sanction of loan to B.F.Sc. Degree Course—Fee Structure—Furnished.

Ref : Your Lr. No. 13052/Adm/B1/TEL/97, dt. 25—2—97.

I am to enclose a copy of fee particulars for B.F.Sc. Professional Degree Course furnished by the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. The loan for the said Course may be sanctioned for the eligible items of fees, as prescribed for sanction of Technical Education Loan (i.e.) Tuition fees, Special and other fee (excluding Examination fees and caution money deposit and other deposits).

Encl :

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.

Fees Particulars for B.F Sc. at FC & RI, Tuticorin

Particulars	Under graduate		Total
	I	II	
	Semester	Semester	
	Rs.	Rs	Rs.
1. Tuition fees	1,500/-	1,500/-	3,000/-
2. Exam. fees. (Mid term/ Internal Practical Exam.)	200/-	200/-	400/-
3. Caution Deposit*	100/-	—	100/-
4. Identity Card*	6/-	—	6/-
5. Blazer Advance*	700/-	—	700/-
6. Special fees			
(i) Student Association	100/-	—	100/-
(ii) Subscription to college magazine	50/-	50/-	100/-
(iii) University Calender	30/-	—	30/-
(iv) Library fees	30/-	30/-	60/-
(v) Journal Subsn.	20/-	—	20/-
(vi) Alumini Association	50/-	—	50/-
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	2,786/-	1,780/-	4,566/-

*Collected at the time of admission only.



Circular No. DFC/X/T/A1/300/97 (Accounts Branch) dt. 18—5—97

Sub : Payment of Consultancy charges/Award of contract—Minutes of the 693rd meeting of the Tender Committee Meeting held on 7—5—97—Item No. 4531—Further instructions—Issued.

During the 693rd Meeting of the Tender Committee held on 7—5—97, while discussing item No. 4531 relating to Consultancy charges to be paid to I. I. T., Chennai, Chairman has reiterated that the powers of Chairman/Tender Committee/Board should not be usurped by any lower level authority and no contract can be awarded by the subordinate officials without the prior approval of the competent authority. It is further stressed that even in an emergency it should be possible to approach the Chairman/Tender Committee/Board and take prior approval wherever such approval is necessary.

All the officers of the Board are instructed to adhere to the above instructions strictly without any lapse.

Receipt of this circular may be acknowledged to Deputy Financial Controller/Tender, O/o. the Chief Financial Controller, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Chennai-2 immediately.

T. G. Srinivasan,
Accounts Member.

U.O. Lr. No. DFC/T/AAO/ADB/A/297/(Accts. Br.) dt. 22—5—1997.

Sub : Externally Aided Project streamlining procurement—Procedures fixing time Frame for ADB aided Projects communicated—Reg.

Ref: Govt. of India office memorandum F.No. 3/32/95. PMU (Pt. FVA), dt. 21—4—97

Lr. No. 35609/EAP/97-1, dt. 5—5—97.

The above memo. F.No. 3/32/95. PMU (Pt. F.) dt. 21—4—97 received from Government of India is communicated for information and necessary action.

M. V. Pasupathy,
Financial Controller/Purchase.

Encl. : 1

F. No. 3/32/95-PMU (Pt. file) Government of India, Department of Economic Affairs (PMU), New Delhi, 21st April, 1997.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Streamlining Procurement procedures (fixing Time Frame) for Asian Development Bank (ADB) aided Projects in India.

The issue of finalising an optimum procurement time in order to maximise aid disbursement has been under consideration by the Government for some time past. A Task Force set up by the Government has considered this issue and suggested time frame for different activities under the procurement cycle in respect of procurement of goods, prequalification and procurement of works, and procurement of supply and erection equipment for the WB aided projects in India. This has been mandated by the Government vide office Memorandum of even number dated 28—2—97 for compulsory use in WB-aided projects in India. The issue has been further examined in the case of ADB projects also and a Time frame in respect of procurement of goods, prequalification and procurement of works, and procurement of supply and erection equipment has also been prepared for the ADB aided projects in India (copy enclosed).

2. The salient features of the Time table for various stages of procurement are :—

(i) Procurement of Goods :—

- (a) Bank has agreed to issue NOC to bid documents (prior to Invitation for Bids (IFB)) as well as concurrence to bid evaluation/award recommendation within 10-20 days, depending on the bid validity period,
- (b) the pre-bid conference (where ever applicable) should be done within 30 days prior to the opening of the bids,
- (c) Opening of the bids should be made min. 60 days after IFB,
- (d) Completion of evaluation of bids including approval of the competent authority and its forwarding to the Bank, has been kept as 45 days—60 days for the bid validity within 90 days, 90 days for bid validity within 120 days and 120 days for bid validity within 180 days.

(ii) Prequalification and procurement of Civil Works.

(Note : Min. 60 days for submission of prequalification applications and min. 90 days for submission of bids from date of advertisement in ADBBC)

- (a) Bank's NOC to the bid documents as well as concurrence to the evaluation/recommendation to the award fixed at 14—20 days.
- (b) Evaluation of bids, for prequalification for works as well as evaluation of bid for procurement of works, is to be completed within 30 days and 45 days respectively from the date of bid opening,

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- (c) 30 days have been recommended for "Obtaining the approval of the evaluated bids by the competent authority and recommendation for award of worked, after receipt of evaluation of bids.
- (d) Issue of Letter of Award should be done within 15 days from the date of receipt of concurrence from the Bank.
- (iii) Procurement of Supply & Erection Equipment includes: Supply, delivery and installation contracts and design build and turnkey contracts.
- (a) Bank's concurrence to the evaluation of bid and award recommendation is to be given within 20 days from the receipt of bid document by the Bank.
- (b) Pre-bid conference, if applicable, should be completed within 30 days prior to the date of opening of bids.
- (c) Opening of bids would be within min. 90 days after IFB.
- (d) Completion of evaluation of bids including approval of the competent authority should be made within 120 days after bid opening.

3. All State Government and non-Government organisations under them are requested to ensure that the procurement time frame (as enclosed) is brought to the notice of all implementing agencies and is used in all ADB assisted projects from 1-5-97. Any suggestion for change may be brought to the notice of Department of Economic Affairs.

S. K. Sarkar,
Director to Government of India.

Encl. 2

**TIME TABLE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS/WORKS FOR ADB PROJECTS :
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (APRIL, 1997)**

A. FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS :

Sl. No. (1)	Activity (2)	Time frame for bid validity 90 days (3)	Time frame for bid validity 120 days (4)	Time frame for bid validity 180 days (5)
1.	Forwarding of Bid Documents to ADB	—	—	—
2.	Bank's Concurrence to the Bid Documents	10 days from date of receipt of the Bid Documents by the Bank	15 days from date of receipt of the Bid Documents by the Bank	20 days from date of receipt of the Bid Documents by the Bank
3.	Publication of Invitation for Bids (IFB) Newspapers & ADBBO	Concurrent action can be taken with S.No. 1 & 2.		
4.	Pre-Bid Conference (where applicable)	30 days prior to opening of Bids.	30 days prior to opening of Bids.	30 days prior to opening of Bids.
5.	Opening of Bids	Min. 60 days after IFB	Min. 60 days after IFB	Min. 60 days after IFB
6.	Completion of Evaluation of bids by the Competent Authority and forwarding to the Bank	45-60 days after opening of bids.	90 days after opening of bids.	90 days after opening of bids.
7.	Bank's concurrence to Evaluation and Award recommendation	10 days from the date of forwarding to the Bank.	15 days from the date of forwarding to the Bank.	20 days from the date of forwarding to the Bank.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
8.	Discussion with recommended bidder (if reqd.) for major plants and supply & erection contract only) and approval of such discussions by competent authority	Nil	15 days from receipt of ADB Concurrence.	25 days from receipt of ADB Concurrence.
9.	Letter of Award/ Letter of Intent	8 days from approval of Competent Authority as in Serial No. 8	10 days from approval of Competent Authority as in Serial No. 8	15 days from approval of Competent Authority as in Serial No. 8
10.	Signing of Contract and Completion of Agreement	30 days from the completion of activity at S. No. 9 above	30 days from the completion of activity at S. No. 9 above	30 days from the completion of activity at S. No. 9 above

PREQUALIFICATION AND PROCUREMENT OF WORKS

S.No.	Activity	Time Frame for Prequalification	Time Frame for Procurement of Works
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Base line-Administrative Approval and Expenditure sanction is available and the detailed drawings and estimates have been prepared		
1.1	Preparation of Bid Documents	--	30 days
1.2	Preparation of pre-qualification documents	14 days	--
1.3	Forwarding the prequalification	3 days	--
1.4	Transit Time	7 days	--
2.1	ADB's concurrence to prequalification document	14-20 days	
2.1	Transit Time	4 days	--
3.1	Publication of notice for invitation for prequalification and make documents ready for sale	15 days	
(i)	Forward one copy of notice to Bank for publication in ADBBO		
(ii)	Notice to be published in the Monday and Thursday edition of atleast two National Newspapers		
(iii)	Copy of notice to be given to the local representative of Embassies of eligible source Countris		
(iv)	Documents should be available for sale the day the notice is published in ADBBO		
4.1	Last date fixed for receipt of application for pre-qualification		Min. 60 days from the date of publication in ADBBO

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4.2	If clarification meeting is held	If necessary, must be held within 30 days of date of publication of notice of invitation in the national press. A copy of the minutes of such meeting listing any changes to be prequalification should be sent at least three weeks before the last date of submission	
4.3	If clarification meeting is not held	If clarifications meeting is not held all written clarification received thirty days before the closing date for applications should be replied within 7 days of receipt of reference. Copy of clarification is to be sent to all the persons who have purchased the documents	
5(a)	Evaluation of pre-qualification application	30 days from the receipt of application for pre-qualification	
(b)	Obtain approval of competent authority on the report of evaluation and recommendation on the prequalification	30 days	
		Total 60 days [(a) + (b)]	
6.	Obtain Banks' concurrence to the recommendation on the prequalification applications	14—20 days	
7.	Transit both ways	8 days	
8.	Send bid documents to ADB		7 days
9.	Transit		7 days
10.	Banks' concurrence to the Bid documents		14—20 days
11.	Transit		4 days
12.	(a) Issue of results of prequalification and invitation for bid to the pre-qualified bidder		7 days
	(b) Last date fixed for sale of bid documents in case pre-qualification	Min. 90 days from the issue of notice for invitation of bid	
13.	Dead line for submission of bid and opening of bid	Min. 90 days from the date of issue of invitation for bid	
14.	Pre-bid meeting	At least 45 days before the last date of submission of bids	
15.	(a) Issue of minutes of pre-bid meeting	Within 10 days of the date of pre-bid meeting	
	(b) Issue of amendments in bid document, if any, to all pre-qualified bidders.	21 days before the last date for submission of bids	
16.	Evaluation of Bid	45 days from the date of opening of bid.	
17.	Obtain approval of the Competent Authority on the report of evaluation of bid and recommendation for award of work	30 days from the date of receipt of evaluation of Bid.	
18.	Forwarding the report of evaluation and recommendation to Bank including transit time	7 days	
19.	Bank's concurrence to evaluation and recommendation on the award	14-20 days.	
20.	Cross reference and clarification	15 days	
21.	Issue of letter of Award of work	15 days from the date of receipt of concurrence of the Bank	

**C. PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY & ERECTION ITEMS : INCLUDES SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND
INSTALLATION CONTRACTS & DESIGN-BUILD & TURNKEY CONTRACT**

S. No.	Activity	Time Frame for bid Validity 180 Days
1.	Forwarding of Bid Documents to ADB along with draft IFB for ADBBO publication	—
2.	Bank's Concurrence to the Bid Documents	15 days from date of receipt of the Bid Documents by the Bank.
3.	Issuing IFB in Newspapers AND forwarding to the Bank for publishing in their ADBBO ment Business	30 days from the date of Bank's concurrence to Bid Documents.
4.	Pre-Bid Conference (where applicable)	30 days prior to date of Opening of bids*
5.	Opening of Bids	Min. 60—90 days after IFB
6.	Compilation of Evaluation of bids including approval of the competent Authority and forwarding to the Bank	120 days after opening of bids
7.	Bank's concurrence to evaluation and Award recommendation	20 days from date of forwarding to the Bank
8.	Discussions with recommended bidder (if required) and approval of such discussions by Competent Authority	25 days from receipt of World Bank Concurrence
9.	Issue of Notification of award	10 days from approval of competent Authority as in S.No. 8 above.

* This time may be decided by Borrower/Implementing Agencies based on complexity and nature of the Contract.



Lr. No. X/CFC/DFC/AO/BS/CAC/1285/97 (Accts. Br.) Dt, 23—5—97.

Sub : Bhavani—Kattalai Barrage I Hydro Electric Project (2x15 MW)—Project code number—Allotted.

Ref : U. O. No. SE/Ch/E1/A1/AE2/F. BKBI/D. 347. dt, 6—5—97.

The following Project Code Number is allotted to the Bhavani. Kattalai Barrage—I Hydro Electric Project (2 x 15 MW.)

Project Code No.

Details

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Bhavani-Kattalai Hydro Electric Project (2x15 MW)

The receipt of the communication may be acknowledged.

S. Thangarathnam,
Chief Financial Controller.

Electricity—Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited—T.S. I. and T.S. II—Disputed arrears pending for a long time—settlement of disputed claims based on the discussion—approval—orders—issued.

(Per.) B.P. (FB) No. 10

(Accounts Branch)

Dated 24—5—1997,
Valkasi 10, Esvara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

- Read : 1. Do. Lr. No. F.&A.B./Budget/R.14/97 dt. 29—4—97.
2. Item No. 11 of the 768th Meeting of T.N.E.B. held on 15—5—97.

Proceedings :

The following dues to Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited are in dispute for a long time.

Neyveli Lignite Corporation—T.S.I. :

Rebate availed by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board but not accepted by N.L.C. (5/88 to 7/88)	—	Rs. 30 Lakhs
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Neyveli Lignite Corporation—T.S. II :

Rebate availed by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board but not accepted by N.L.C. (1/88, 4/88 and 5/88)	—	Rs. 15 Lakhs
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Total	—	Rs. 45 Lakhs
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Rate difference in claim (3/86 to 7/86)	—	Rs. 181.25 Lakhs
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With a view to sort out the dispute in respect of the above claims, a discussion with the officials of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation was held by the Officials of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board on 8—1—97. As a result of the discussion it was agreed to settle the above outstanding claims as follows :—

As against the claim of rebate availed by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board but not accepted by Neyveli Lignite Corporation amounting to Rs. 45 Lakhs, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board should pay Rs. 5 Lakhs in full settlement of account. Similarly in respect of the claim towards difference in rate amount to Rs. 181.25 lakhs, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board should pay Rs. 85 lakhs in full settlement of account.

The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited have also intimated in their reference cited that the Neyveli Lignite Corporations Board has also accorded approval for the settlement of the disputed claims based on the conclusion arrived at the discussion held on 8—1—97 with the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board's officials.

Taking into consideration of the above facts, the Board hereby accords approval for payment of the following dues to Neyveli Lignite Corporation :

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| 1. Refund of Rebate availed by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board but not accepted by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd., | — | Rs. 5 Lakhs |
| 2. Difference in rate | — | Rs. 85 Lakhs |

(By Order of the Board)

L. Ramachandran,
Chief Financial Controller/Revenue.

Lr. No. 1994/X/DFC/S/AS, IV/97, (Accounts Branch) dt. 26—5—97.

**Sub : Maximum Inventory level to be maintained for the year 1997-98—
Communicated.**

A statement showing the inventory level to be maintained by the circles for the year 1997-98 as approved by Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is enclosed for strict adherence. Actual inventory level in the circles should be maintained well within the minimum level or below the level now fixed at any point of time during the year 1997-98.

2. It is seen from the inventory level so far maintained by the circle, that they have not shown due importance to the guidelines issued by this office to maintain the inventory level to the barest minimum. The stocking of materials in the stores yard for imaginary use and in disproportionate quantities has also been objected to by Reserve Bank of India and critically commented by Public Undertaking Committee in their reports.

3. Further in order to improve the financial position prevailing in the Board, Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers are requested to ensure that an effective control over the reduction of inventory at the circles is maintained by adopting three fold strategy (viz).

- (1) Stoppage or restricted placement of orders for materials.
- (2) Postponement of delivery schedules wherever necessary to suit our actual requirement of work.
- (3) Effective use of existing materials speedy disposal of scraps and diversion of non moving items to needy circles.

4. The maximum inventory level should not exceed the limit prescribed for 1997-98 under any circumstances and proposal (or) ratification of the excess stock held in the circles will not be entertained.

5. The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged to Financial Controller/Purchase, O/o. Chief Financial Controller/Chennai-2.

T. G. Srinivasan,
Accounts Member.

Encl: 1 Statement.

Statement showing the inventory level to be maintained for 1997-98.

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Maximum 1997-98	Inventory level for (including spars)
			(Rs. in lakhs)
I. Distribution Circles :			
1.	Chennai EDC/Central		350.00
2.	" South		400.00
3.	" North		550.00
4.	" West		300.00
5.	Chingleput		300.00
6.	Kancheepuram		200.00
7.	Vellore		350.00
8.	Dharmapuri		290.00
9.	Tirupattur		180.00
10.	Tiruvannamalai		330.00
11.	South Arcot Vallalar		400.00
12.	Villupuram		350.00
13.	Salem		450.00
14.	Mettur		350.00
15.	Periyar		350.00
15.a.	Gobi		150.00
16.	Coimbatore/North		300.00
17.	Nilgiris		110.00
18.	Coimbatore/South		500.00
18a.	Coimbatore Corpn. Elecl. U. T.		80.00
19.	Udumalpet		250.00

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
20.	Trichy/South (Metro)		250.00
20a.	Karur		100.00
21.	Trichy/North		300.00
22.	Nagai Q. M. E. D. C.		270.00
23.	Pudukottai		150.00
24.	Thanjavur		200.00
25.	Madurai		440.00
25a.	Madurai Corpn. Elecl. U.T.		100.00
26.	Dindigul Anna		250.00
27.	Theni		110.00
28.	Pasumpon M. Thevar EDC		165.00
29.	Ramnad		130.00
30.	T. Veli Kattabomman		300.00
31.	Chidambaranar		200.00
32.	Kanyakumari		150.00
33.	Kamarajar		220.00
		Total	9875.00
II. Generation Circles :			
34.	B>PS, Chennai		250.00
35.	Kundah		225.00
36.	Erode		350.00
37.	Tirunelveli		80.00
38.	ETPS		4700.00
39.	TTPS		2500.00
40.	MTPS		5200.00
41.	N. C. T. P. S.		4000.00
42.	Kadamparai		600.00
		Total	17905.00
III. Construction Circles :			
43.	GCC/C/Trichy		1000.00
44.	GCC/S/Madurai		1000.00
45.	GCC/Coimbatore		600.00
45a.	Wind form Udumalpet		
46.	GCC/Chennai		2000.00
47.	GCC/Salem		800.00
48.	Chennai Dev. Circle		500.00
		Total	5900.00
IV. Project Circles :			
49.	Masinagudi		100.00
50.	Bhavani		250.00
51.	MTPP		55.00
52.	TTPP		1700.00
53.	Coimbatore CMC II		20.00
54.	PVPH VI P.		250.00
55.	Madurai CMC I		20.00
		Total	2395.00
V. Workshop Circle :			
56.	Mettur Workshop		400.00
VI. Protection and communication			
57.	Coimbatore		110.00
		Grand Total	36585.00

Delegation—Enhancement of monetary powers prescribed for check measurement of "Bills for work done" by Assistant Executive Engineers and Executive Engineers—Orders—Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No. 38

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 27th May 1997,
Vaikasi 13, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read :

1. B.P. Ms. (Ch.) No. 8 (Accts. Br.) dt. 22—4—87.
2. B.P. Ms. (Ch.) No. 17 (Accts. Br.) dt. 27—8—87.

Proceedings :

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board hereby directs that the powers of Assistant Executive Engineers and Executive Engineers for check measurement of "Bills for work done" be enhanced as shown below :—

S.No.	Name of the category	Existing powers	Enhanced powers
1.	Assistant Executive Engineers (Nature of bills referred to in para 604(3) (A) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Manual Volume-I)	Bills upto Rs. 5000/-	Bills upto Rs. 25,000/-
2.	Executive Engineers (Note 1 of Para 604(3) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Manual Volume-I)	All Bills over Rs. 5000/-	All Bills over Rs. 25 000/-

2. The Chief Financial Controller/General, Board Office Accounts Branch shall issue necessary amendment to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Manual Volume-I.

(By Order of the Board)

P.A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary.



Medical Aid—Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Employees Health Fund Scheme—Formation of committee for recommending Financial Assistance and enhancement of Board's contribution—Certain modifications—Orders—Issued.

(Permanent) B.P. (FB) No. 41

(Secretariat Branch)

Dated the 29th May 1997,
Vaikasi 15, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

READ :

- (i) (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 57 (SB) dated 6—5—93
- (ii) (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 26 (SB) dated 16—5—95
- (iii) (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 44 (SB) dated 1—7—95.
- (iv) (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 50 (SB) dated 13—7—95.
- (v) (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 104 (SB) dated 3—4—96.
- (vi) (Per) B.P. (FB) No. 60 (SB) dated 24—8—95.

Proceedings :

In the Board's Proceedings first cited, following the orders of the Government, the Board ordered the constitution of a similar fund called "Tamil Nadu Electricity Board employees" Health Fund Scheme", to extend financial assistance by way of grant/loan to the Board's employees struck by certain major ailments so as to enable them to undertake specialised surgery/treatment. Under this

scheme, each employee subscribes Rs. 5/- p.a. and the Board contributes Rs. 10 lakhs p.a. to this fund. Financial assistance to a maximum amount of Rs. 1 lakh or 75% of actual cost, whichever is less, is granted for undergoing the specialised surgery/treatment within India, and in addition to that, a sum of Rs. 1 lakh is granted as loan carrying 10% simple interest in the case of treatment outside India.

2. As large number of applications are received from the employees of the Board for the grant of financial assistance, and as the total sum of contribution from the employee and the Board is not sufficient to meet out the requirements, the matter has been discussed various Unions/Associations of employees for enhancement of the subscription from the employees. They have agreed for enhancement of subscription from the employees and also requested that the Board's contribution should be increased considerably.

3. At present, sanctions of assistance for Class I Officers are accorded by the Secretary and for the employees other than Class I Officers by the Chief Engineer/Personnel. As the sanctions are accorded in two Branches of the Board Office, the unions represented that there is no uniformity in the sanction and that in some cases, there have been abnormal delays. To obviate the above difficulties, it has been decided to constitute two committees headed by the Accounts Member so as to facilitate proper sanction of the grant. As both the committees are to be headed by the Accounts Member, the reports of the committee have to be considered only by the Chairman in each and every case. Therefore, the powers already delegated to Secretary and Chief Engineer/Personnel in (Per.) B.P. (CH) No. 231 (SB) dated. 16-8-96 have to be withdrawn and vested with the Chairman again.

4. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has carefully considered the matter having regard to the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 2 & 3 above, and issues the following modified orders with regard to the Health Fund Scheme :—

- (i) The Subscription from the employees be enhanced from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 30/- p. a.
- (ii) The Board's contribution be enhanced from Rs. 10 lakhs per annum to Rs. 25 lakhs per annum or an amount matching the annual subscriptions of the Board employees, whichever is less. This amount shall be credited with reference to the number of employees.
- (iii) The financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh or 75% of the actual cost, whichever is less, be granted for the specialised surgery/treatment undergone in the accredited Institutions listed in Annexures I and II to this order. In addition to the grant as above, a loan amount not exceeding Rs. 1 lakh carrying a simple interest @ 10% be also sanctioned in the case of treatment in countries other than India.
- (iv) Two committees be constituted as mentioned below for considering every case for sanction of the financial assistance—one for the Class I Officers and the other for the employees other than Class I Officers :—
 - (a) **Committee for Class I Officers :**
 - (1) A.M. —Chairman of the committee.
 - (2) Secretary —Member.
 - (3) C.M.O. —Member.
 - (b) **Committee for the employees other than Class I Officers**
 - (1) A.M. —Chairman of the committee.
 - (2) Secretary —Member.
 - (3) C.E./Personnel —Member.
 - (4) C.M.O. —Member.
 - (5) Th. S.C. Krishnan, General Secy., T.N.E. Workers Federation. | Member.

The unions representative nominated in this committee, will be changed annually by rotation among the unions recognised under code of discipline, centrally affiliated unions and Officers' Associations.

- (v) The committees will meet twice in a month. The reports will be scrutinised in the Secretariat Branch and submitted to Chairman for approval of the financial assistance. Hence, the powers already delegated to the Secretary and Chief Engineer/Personnel in (Per.) B.P. (CH) No. 231, dated 16-8-96 be withdrawn and vested with the Chairman again.
- (vi) Financial assistance will be sanctioned to the surgery/treatment undergone by the Board employees in respect of diseases specified by the Board only. Hence, the following clause in para 4(b) in Annexure to the (Per.) B.P. (FB) No. 57 (SB) dated. 6-5-93, governing regulations to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Employees' Health Fund, is deleted :-
 "Such other surgery or treatment deemed to be specialised advanced surgery or treatment by the Board having regard to the circumstances of a particular case".
- (vii) Financial assistance will be sanctioned for the surgery/treatment undergone in the Institutions accredited by the Board only. Hence, the following clause in item (viii) in para 2 of (Per.) B.P. (FB) No. 50 (SB) dated, 13-7-95 is deleted :-
 "Grant of assistance for the treatment had in other recognised and standard private hospitals other than those mentioned in item (vii) above in our State may also be considered for grant of assistance provided, the Chief Engineers/Superintending Engineers who have been instructed to forward the medical claims as in para 8 of the Memo. (Per.) No. 84147/N2/94-1, dt. 6-12-94 and in Memo. No. 22921/N2/95-1, dt. 6-4-95 should verify the genuineness of the treatment/existence of such hospitals etc., and furnish certificates to that effect while forwarding such claims. The Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers concerned will be solely held responsible for the correctness of such claims. In such cases, the views of the Chief Medical Officer/Tamil Nadu Electricity Board shall also be obtained".
- (viii) The assistance from the fund shall not exceed the total amount of employees' subscription and Board's contribution in that year. The pending applications seeking financial assistance will be carried over to the next year.
5. The receipt of this B.P. should be acknowledged.

(By Order of the Board)

P. A. Khaja Kaleel Rahman,
Secretary,

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ANNEXURE-I

Surgery / Treatment

1. Open Heart Surgery
2. Renal Transplant
3. Lithotripsy
4. Emergency Life Saving Operations on the Brain and Spinal Cord
5. Advanced and Specialised Operations on the Brain and Spinal Cord such as Cardiovascular Surgery (Aneurysm AVMS), Skull Base Surgery, Deep seated Tumours, Synotectic Surgery, Brain transplanation etc.
6. Surgery of Intractable Epilapsy
7. Total Hip replacement
8. Total Knee replacement
9. Surgical Management of Malignancy (cancer)
10. Treatment of Cancer of Laser Treatment

Accredited Institutions

1. Appollo Hospital Enterprises, Chennai-6.
2. Vijaya Hospital (Institute of Cardic Vascular Diseases)
3. Trinity Acute Care Hospital, Chennai-4.
4. K. J. Hospital, Poonamallee High Road, Chennai-84.
5. G. G. Hospital.
6. Vijaya Hospital (All Institutions) Vadapalani, Chennai-26.
7. Vijaya Health Centre (All Institutions) Vadapalani, Chennai-26.
8. The Heart Institute, Vijaya Health Centre, Vadapalani, Chennai-26.
9. The Madras Medical Mission's Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Vadapalani, Chennai-26.
10. Guest Hospital, Poonamallee High Road, Chennai.
11. Pandalai Cardithoracic foundation and Transplanation Centre, Chennai.
12. Voluntary Health Services Hospital, Adayar, Chennai.
13. Devaki Hospital, Mylapore, Chennai-4.
14. Railway Hospital, Perambur, Chennai.
15. Wellington Hospital, Nungambakkam, Chennai-6.
16. Tamil Nadu Hospitals, 439, Cheran Nagar, Perymbakkam, Chennai-601 302.
17. Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute, Porur, Chennai-600 116.
18. Bharathi Rajaa Hospital and Research Centre, 11, Madley Road, T. Nagar, Chennai-17.
19. Santhosh Hospital Private Limited, 17th Avenue, Besent Nagar, Chennai-90.
20. Tamil Nadu Urological Research Centre Private Limited, Chennai-102.

DISTRICTS :

Coimbatore :

1. Kuppusamy Memorial Hospital
2. Kovai Medical Centre and Hospital Limited, Coimbatore.
3. K. Govindasamy Medical Trust, Coimbatore.

Vellore :

1. Christian Mission Hospital.

Madurai :

1. Meenakshi Mission Hospital and Research Centre, Melur Road, Madurai-625 107.

Encl : 2

ANNEXURE—II

The Surgery for Optholmology (Eye)

1. Any Cataract Surgery with or without I.O.L. (Intra—Ocular Lens).
2. Surgery for detachment of RETINA.
3. Vitrectomy.
4. Kevatoplasty (Corneal Grafting).
5. Laser treatment—Excimer laser, Argon laser, photo—coagulation.
6. Glaucoma surgery and laser treatment.
7. Linear Accelerator therapy (for senile mecular degeneration, tumours etc.).

Accredited Institutions

1. Wellington Nursing Home, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai.
2. Malar Hospital, Adayar, Chennai.
3. Prema Eye Clinic, 5 Bazaar Road, Saidapet, Chennai.
4. Kumaran Hospital, Poonamallee High Road, Chennai.
5. Appollo Cancer Institute, Anna Salai, Chennai.
6. Sankara Nathralaya, College Road, Chennai.
7. Vijaya Hospital (TERF) Chennai.
8. M.N. Eye Hospital Tondiarpet, Chennai.
9. Tamil Nadu Hospital, 439 Cheran Nagar, Perumbakkam, Chennai.
10. Arvind Eye Hospital, Madurai.
11. Joseph's Eye Hospital, Tiruchirapalli.
12. K.G. Hospital, Coimbatore.
13. T.M.S. Eye Hospital, Limited, Salem.
14. Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital Ltd., 13 Cathedral Road, Chennai—86.
15. Sri. Kanchi Kamakoti Medical Trust, Coimbatore.



r. No. X / CFC / DFC / AO / BS / 28875 / 97 (Acctr. Br.) dt. 30—5—97.

Sub : North Chennai Mini H.E.P.—Allotment of Account Code No.—Informed.

Ref : Lr. No. SE/II/EE2/AEE1/N/JE/4/F. NCHHP/D184/dt. 26—5—97.

The following account Code No. is allotted to North Chennai Mini Hydro Electric Project.

Account Code No.

17.378

Account Head.

Expenditure on survey feasibility studies
of Project not yet sanctioned North Chennai
Mini Hydro Electric Project
(1 x 500 MW)

The receipt of the communication may be acknowledged.

S. Thangaratnam,
Chief Financial Controller.

TECHNICAL

PART-IV

Technical

Sale of surplus/obsolete/scrap materials condemned vehicles Plant and Mechineries etc. through Open Tender/Public auction—Acceptance of belated remittance of sale value with interest— Amendment No. 21 to Tender Regulations. 1991—Issued.

(Per) B.P. (FB) No. 8

(Accounts Branch)

Dated 2—5—97
Chithirai 19, Eswara Aandu,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028

Read :

1. Per. B.P. (FB) No. 17 (Accounts Branch) dt. 5—8—91.
2. Minutes of the 643rd meeting of the Board held on 28—12—95.

Proceedings :

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board after careful consideration hereby orders that a sub clause 4 (iii) to the T.R. No. 29 in the Tender Regulations, 1991 be incorporated as follows :
T. R. No. 29.4 (iii) :

If the tenderers are unable to remit the sale value for the materials sold to them even within the period of extension granted by the Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers as per clause 29.4 (ii) of the Tender Regulations 1991 and if the situation warrants that the tenderers have to be permitted beyond the period of the above said extension granted by the Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers for remittance of sale value, then the concerned Chief Engineers may permit these tenderers to remit the sale value together with Interest at the rate of 3% per month or part thereof for a further period of upto 30 days, depending on the merits of the case.

(By Order of the Board)

T. G. Srinivasan,
Accounts Member.



Circular Memorandum No. SE/IEMC/EE. 3/AEE. 2/AE/V. 40/D. 315/97 (Techl. Branch) dt. 2—5—1997

Sub : Electricity—Energisation of 5,000 Pumpsets in Special Priority of under SFS (R) service during 1997-98—Instructions—Regarding.

Ref : Circular Memo. No. SE/RE & I (D)/RE. 2/D./Target 1997-98/D. 567/97, dated 21—4—97.

The Government of Tamil Nadu have approved that under SFS(R) 5000 applications be provided agricultural service connection. Where the cost exceeded Rs. 50,000 and the applicant pays the entire cost of extension for this category the services can be energised without any limit to the Circles subject to over all State target does not exceed 5000 Nos.

If there not enough applications, fresh applications can be obtained from those who are willing to pay more than Rs. 50,000/- the supply to the above category has to be effected giving top Most Priority and without any pending. The progress on the achievement of the above scheme may be sent to

Superintending Engineer/Rural Electrification & Improvement (Distribution) / RE & I (D) in the following proforma for monitoring the same and to give suitable necessary instructions wherever necessary.

Sl. No.	Total no. of applications pending under the above Scheme at the beginning of the month	Total no. of applications received/ opted during the month	Total no. of applications for which supply effected	Total no. of applications pending at the end of the month	Out of column 5 total no. of applications after payment of actual cost of extension
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

K. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).

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Circular Memo. No. SE/IEMC/EE. 3/AEE 2/AE/V. 40/D. 316/97 (Technical Branch) Dated 2—5—97.

Sub : Electricity—Energisation of 10,000 Pumpsets in Special Priority of One Pole/ Mere service during 1997-98—Instructions—Regarding.

- Ref :
1. Circular Memo. No. SE/IEMC/EE. 3/AEE. 2/D. 494/90 dated 27—10—90,
 2. Circular Memo. No. SE/IEMC/EE. 3/AEE. 2/AE/F. V/40/D. 383/95, dated 26—8—95.
 3. Circular Memo. No. SE/RE&I (D)/RE. 2/D/Target 1997-98/D. 507/97, dated 21—4—97.

The State Government while reviewing the achievement of agriculture pumpset connections during 1996-97 under 20 Point Programme remarked that proportionate target has not been achieved. Hence, it has been decided that 10,000 numbers may be allocated for effecting service under Special Priority Scheme with mere service connection and one pole extension cases and the scheme can be taken up simultaneously along with normal priority.

The following instructions are issued ;

1. Out of the target of 40,000 agricultural pumpsets to be energised during 1997-98, 20,000 pumpsets shall be energised under normal priority, 10,000 pumpset under Special Priority Scheme of on line/one pole extension and 10,000 pumpsets under revised SFS.

2. The Investigation for both mere service and one pole categories may be taken up simultaneously and notices may be issued strictly according to their priority of registration of applications.

3. The targets for each Division under one line-one pole category shall be 1/3rd of the division target fixed for normal/special priority of mere/one pole/services. In case of shortfall in any of the Division Superintending Engineers can redistribute the target under this category to other Divisions and in case of shortfall in a Circle, the Chief Engineers/Distribution of the Regions can re-allocate among Circles in their regions without affecting the district targets.

4. The Notice period for this category shall be 45 days. Notice for reporting readiness shall be issued in such a way that the expiry date for the 45 days shall not go beyond 31-10-97.

5. All ready cases under this scheme should be effected 3,22,208 supply on or before 28-2-98 and the total number of pumpsets connected shall not exceed the target fixed under this scheme.

6. All the field Officers are informed that supply to the pumpsets under on line-one pole priority has to be effected only if the voltage regulation is within the stipulated norms of 6% with diversity factor 1.5. The cases where improvement works involved should not be taken for mere service connection priority (one line-one pole).

7. All other instructions issued in the circular memo. dt. 27-10-90 cited under reference (1) for the implementation of the Special programme during 1990-91 may be followed for this year's programme also.

8. The Superintending Engineers/Electricity Distribution Circles are requested to programme the service connections for the agricultural pumpsets such that both the schemes viz. connections coming under special priority envisaged in this circular memo as well as connections coming under normal priority are given side by side. The progress of these services may be reported separately to the Superintending Engineer/R.E. & I (D). All pumpsets coming under this special Priority Scheme shall be effected before 28-2-98 and there shall not be any carry over to next year.

9. The Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers are requested to take immediate action to implement the above scheme.

The receipt of this memo may be acknowledged.

K. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).



Circular Memo. No. CE/MM/SE/MMI/EES/A3/F.TR/D. 145/97 (Accts. Br.) dt. 3-5-97.

Sub : Issue of Tender Notice - Judgement of Supreme Court—Dutta Associates Private Ltd.,—VS—Indo Mercantiles Private Ltd., and others—
Copy communicated.

Ref : 1. T.N.E.B. Tender Regulations 1991.
2. B.P. (FB) No. 230 (TB) dt. 17-10-96.

A Copy of the Supreme Court Judgement relating to the case with Dutta Associates Private Ltd., (Appellant) Versus Indo Mercantiles Private Ltd. and others (Respondants) is communicated to all the Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers.

In regard to issue of Tender Notices, the Supreme Court has observed that the consideration of the tender received and the procedure to be followed in the matter of acceptance of a tender should be transparent, fair and open. The Supreme Court has also observed that while a bonafide error or error of judgement would not certainly matter any abuse of power for extraneous reasons, it is obvious, would expose the authorities concerned to appropriate penalties at the hands of the courts. The procedure to be followed in evaluation and acceptance of tender as per Boards terms and conditions must be clearly mentioned in the Specification.

The Chief Engineers/Superintending Engineers are hereby directed to follow the Tender Regulations instructions in B.P. (FB) No 230 dt. 17-10-96, and other instructions issued on this subject from time to time strictly and see that no complaints are received from any of the bidders. They are also directed to follow the Chairman's instruction on Negotiations dt. 29-10-96.

Receipt of this Circular memo. may be acknowledged to Chief Engineer, Materials Management

Encl : As above.

T. G. Srinivasan,
Accounts Member.

DUTTA ASSOCIATES PVT. LTD., V. INDO MERCHANTILES PVT. LTD.

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(BEFORE B.P. JEEVAN REDDY AND SUHAS C. SEN, JJ.)

a. DUTTA ASSOCIATES PVT. LTD. .. *Appellant;*
Versus
 INDO MERCHANTILES PVT. LTD. AND OTHERS .. *Respondents.*

Civil Appeal No. 14603 of 1996†, decided on November 18, 1996

- b. **Excise -- Supply of rectified spirit -- Tenders invited for -- Acceptance of tender -- Decision-making process should be transparent, fair and open -- Any abuse of power for extraneous reasons would make the authorities concerned whether Minister or Commissioner for Excise liable to appropriate punishment -- After receiving the tenders, 'viability range' determined keeping in view prevailing prices outside the State as most of the rectified spirit had to be procured from outside State --**
- c. **Lowest tenderer (appellant) then asked to raise his offer so as to be covered within the 'viability range' -- Offer raised accordingly and the same accepted -- Held, entire process leading to the acceptance of the tender of appellant vitiated being opposed to norm viz. transparency, fairness and openness -- Govt. contracts -- Tenders invited for -- Acceptance of -- Public Accountability -- Constitution of India, Arts. 14, 298 -- Administrative Law -- Natural Justice -- Fairness in action**

Held:

- d. Whatever procedure the Government proposes to follow in accepting the tender must be clearly stated in the tender notice. The consideration of the tenders received and the procedure to be followed in the matter of acceptance of a tender should be *transparent, fair and open*. While a bonafide error or error of judgement would not certainly matter, any *abuse of power extraneous reasons* would expose the authorities concerned, whether it is the Minister for Excise or the Commissioner of Excise, to appropriate penalties at the hands of the courts. (Para 7)

- e. *Shiv Sagar Tiwari v. Union of India, (1996) 6 SCC 558 and (1996) 6 SCC 599, followed*

In this case the entire procedure followed by the Commissioner and the Government of Assam in accepting the tender of the appellant is unfair and opposed to the norms which the Government should follow in such matters, *viz., openness, transparency and fair dealing* for the following reasons:

- f. *Firstly*, the tender notice did not specify the "viability range" nor did it say that only the tenders coming within the viability range will be considered. More significantly, the tender notice did not even say that after receiving the tenders, the Commissioner/Government would first determine the "viability range" and would then call upon the lowest eligible tenderer to make a counter-offer. The exercise of determining the viability range and calling upon the lowest tender, the appellant, to make a counter-offer on the alleged ground that he was the lowest tenderer among the eligible tenderers is outside the tender notice. Fairness demanded that the authority should have notified in the tender notice itself the procedure which they proposed to adopt while accepting the tender. They did nothing of that sort. (Para 4)

Secondly, it is not possible to appreciate the concept of "viability range" its necessity and/or its real purpose. The tenderers are all hard-headed businessmen. They know their interest better. If they are prepared to supply rectified spirit at a lower rate, it is inexplicable why should the Government think that they would not be able to do so and still prescribe a far higher viability range. (Para 4)

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†From the Judgement and Order dated 10.7.1996 of the Gauhati High Court in W.A. No.424 of 1995

Thirdly, having determined the "viability range", the Government called upon only the appellant to make a counter-offer to come within the "viability range" and his revised offer at the higher limit of the "viability range" was accepted. No such opportunity to make a counter-offer was given to any other tenderer including the first respondent. This was equally a vitiating factor. However, the first and second grounds indicated hereinabove, are more fundamental than the third ground. (Paras4 and 5)

Appeal dismissed

R-M/T/17064/C

Advocates who appeared in this case:

Kapil Sibal, Senior Advocate (M.L. Lahoty, Himanshu Shekhar, Pawan Sharma and Ms. Sangeeta Pandey, Advocates, with him) for the Appellant;
H.N. Salve and S.M. Chaudhary, Senior Advocates (Sunil Kumar Jain, Jatinder Kumar Bhatia, Manish Kumar and Shakil Ahmed Syed, Advocates, with them) for the Respondents.

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1. (1996) 6 SCC 558 and (1996) 6 SCC 599, *Shiv Sagar Tiwari v. Union of India* 58d

The Judgement of the Court was delivered by

B.P. JEEVAN REDDY, J. -- Leave granted.

2. Inexplicable indeed are the ways of the rulers on some occasions - and this is one such instance. The Commissioner of Excise, Assam called for tenders for wholesale supply of rectified spirit (Grade I) to the Excise Warehouse at Tinsukia for the period 16-5-1994 to 15-5-1996. The tender was floated on 28-5-1993. As many as seventeen tenders mentioned below were received quoting the rate mentioned against each person's name:

1. M/s Himangsu Enterprises, R.K. Bardoloi Road, Dibrugarh	Rs. 9.20
2. Shri Jitendra Nath Saikia, Chowkidinghee, Dibrugarh	Rs. 10.48
3. M/s Dutta Associates Pvt.Ltd., Chowkidinghee, Dibrugarh	Rs. 11.14
4. Shri Pradip Kumar Dutta, Chowkidinghee, Dibrugarh	Rs. 11.75
5. M/s Civiliyar Enterprises, Rajgarh, Guwahati	Rs. 12.57
6. M/s Onash Enterprises, G.S.Road, Guwahati	Rs. 13.20
7. Shri Umesh Chandra Bora, Laukuli, Tinsukia	Rs. 13.69
8. M/s North East Trade Agency, Athgaon, Guwahati	Rs. 13.99
9. M/s Aco Traders, Rajgarh Road. Guwahati	Rs. 14.28
10. M/s Noble Sales Agency, G.S. Road, Dispur, Guwahati	Rs. 14.55
11. Shri Pranab Kumar Rajkhowa, Coal Road, Tinsukia	Rs. 15.05
12. M/s United Assam Company, Rupali Path, Jorhat	Rs. 15.55
13. M/s Indo Merchantiles Pvt.Ltd, Bishnu Market, Guwahati	Rs. 15.55
14. Shri Vijay Kumar Jasrasaria, Guwahati	Rs. 16.05
15. Shri Dilip Rajkhowa, Tinsukia	Rs. 16.13
16. M/s Pradip Kumar Khaitan, A.T.Road, Jorhat	Rs. 16.39
17. M/s New Ashish Enterprise, T.R. Phukan Road, Guwahati	Rs. 16.55

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(Jeevan Reddy, J.)

3. It is stated that out of seventeen tenders received, tenders of persons mentioned at Sr. Nos. 1 and 2 were found ineligible and were, therefore, excluded from consideration. If that were so, one would have expected the Commissioner to accept the offer of the person at Sr.No.3 (Dutta Associates Pvt. Limited, the appellant herein), his being the lowest tender. He did not do so. He did not say that the offer of Dutta Associates was not a genuine offer or that he is not in a position to fulfil the terms of the contract, if entered into with him. On the other hand, the Commissioner and the Government entered upon an exercise of determining, what they call "viability range". They determined the viability range between Rs.14.72 to Rs.15.71 per LPL. It is said that this viability range was arrived at keeping in view the prevailing prices outside the State inasmuch as most of the rectified spirit to be supplied under the contract had to be procured outside the State of Assam. If viability range was the relevant basis, then one would have expected the Commissioner and the Government of Assam to have accepted the tender at Sr. No. 11 (Shri Pranab Kumar Rajkhowa), whose bid was the lowest within the viability range. They did not do this either. They called upon Dutta Associates (appellant herein) to revise his offer which he did by quoting Rs.15.71 per LPL (which happens to be the maximum of the viability range). His bid was accepted. Whereupon Indo Merchantiles Private Limited (first respondent herein) who is at Sr. No.13 in the aforesaid list of tenders, filed a writ petition in the Guwahati High Court questioning the acceptance of appellant's tender. Indo Merchantiles submitted that not accepting his tender at Rs 15.55 and accepting the tender of the appellant by making him revise his bid is contrary to law, unfair and arbitrary. The writ petition was dismissed by a learned Single Judge. On appeal, however, the Division Bench has allowed the writ appeal filed by Indo Merchantiles and has set aside the acceptance of the appellant's tender. The Division Bench found that the Commissioner and the Government have acted unfairly in calling upon the appellant, Dutta Associates, alone to submit a counter-offer while not giving a similar opportunity to other tenderers. The High Court accordingly directed that fresh tenders be called for awarding the contract. It has also made certain directions for the period until fresh tenders are called for and finalised.

4. After hearing the parties, we are of the opinion that the entire process leading to the acceptance of the appellant's tender is vitiated by more than one illegality. Firstly, the tender notice did not specify the "viability range" nor did it say that only the tenders coming within the viability range will be considered. More significantly, the tender notice did not even say that after receiving the tenders, the Commissioner/Government would first determine the "viability range" and would then call upon the lowest eligible tenderer to make a counter-offer. The exercise of determining the viability range and calling upon Dutta Associates to make a counter-offer on the alleged ground that he was the lowest tenderer among the eligible tenderers is outside the tender notice. Fairness demanded that the authority should have notified in the tender notice itself the procedure which they proposed to adopt while accepting the tender. They did nothing of that sort. Secondly, we have not been able to understand the very concept of "viability range" though Shri Kapil Sibal, learned counsel for the appellant, and the learned counsel for the State of Assam tried to explain it to us. The learned counsel stated that because of the de-control of molasses, the price of rectified spirit fluctuates from time to time in the market and that, therefore, the viability range was determined keeping in view (1) distillery cost price; (2) export pass fees; (3) Central sales tax; (4) transportation charges; (5) transit wastage @ 1%; and (6) warehouse operational wastage @ 1 1/2% - vide the counter - affidavit filed by the Secretary to Excise Department, Government of Assam pursuant to this Court's orders. Shri Sibal further explained that because of the possibility of the fluctuation, the tender notice contains clause (16) which reserves to the Government the power to reduce or increase the contract rate depending upon the escalation or deceleration of the market price in the exporting States. We are still not able to understand. Clause (16) deals with post-contract situation, i.e., the situation during the currency of the contract and not with a situation at the inception of the contract. The tenderers are all hard-headed businessmen. They know their interest better. If they are prepared to supply rectified spirit at Rs.11.14 per LPL or so, it is inexplicable why should the Government think that they would not be able to do so and still prescribe a far higher viability range.

Not only the rate obtaining during the period when the tenders were called was Rs 11.05 per LPL, the more significant feature is that during the period of about more than two years pending the writ petition and writ appeal, the appellant has been supplying rectified spirit @ Rs 9.20 per LPL. If it was not possible for anyone to supply rectified spirit at a rate lower than Rs 14.72 (the lower figure of the viability range), how could the appellant have been supplying the same at such a low rate as Rs.9.20 for such a long period. It may be relevant to note at this stage the circumstances in which the appellant volunteered to supply at the said rate. Indo Mercantiles, the respondent herein, filed the writ petition and asked for an interim order. The learned Single Judge directed (*vide* Order dated 2-6-1994) that while Dutta Associates (appellant herein) shall not be given the contract, he "shall be allowed to execute the contract at the lowest quoted rate which is stated to be Rs. 9.20 by the writ petitioner. Respondent 3 (Dutta Associates) states that the lowest quoted rate is Rs. 11.14. If the lowest quoted rate is Rs. 9.20, it is that rate at which the contract shall be given to Respondent 3". It is pursuant to the said order that the appellant-Dutta Associates has been supplying rectified spirit @ Rs 9.20 per LPL since June 1994 till October 1996. The said order did not compel the appellant (Respondent 3 in the writ petition) to supply at the rate of Rs 9.20p. If that rate was not feasible or economic, he could well have said, 'sorry'. He did not say so but agreed to and has been supplying at that rate, till October 1996. It is equally significant to note that pursuant to the interim orders of this Court (which directed the Government to implement the orders of the Guwahati High Court with respect to interim arrangement) negotiations were held with both the appellant and the first respondent herein; both offered to supply at Rs 9.20p. The Commissioner, of course, chose the first respondent, Indo Mercantiles, over the appellant, for reason given by him in his order dated 14-10-1996. The rate, however, remains Rs.9.20p and the appellant's counsel has been making a grievance of the Commissioner not accepting the appellant's offer. All these facts make the so-called "viability range" and the very concept of "viability range" looks rather ridiculous and we are not very far from the end of the three year period for which the tenders were called for. Neither the interlocutory order of the learned Single Judge dated 2-6-1994 aforesaid nor does the order of the Commissioner dated 14-10-1996 passed pursuant to the interim orders of this Court provide for any fluctuation in the rate of supply depending upon the fluctuation in the market rate in the exporting States, as provided by clause (16) of the Tender Conditions, which too appears rather unusual. The order of the learned single Judge aforesaid does not also say that the rate specified therein is tentative and that it shall be subject to revision at the final hearing of the writ petition. As a matter of fact, no such revision was made either by the learned Single Judge or by the Division Bench. It is in these circumstances that, we said, we have not been able to understand or appreciate the concept of "viability range", its necessity and/or its real purpose. *Thirdly*, the Division Bench states repeatedly in its judgment that having determined the "viability range", the Government called upon only the appellant-Dutta Associates (third respondent in the Writ petition/Writ appeal) to make a counter-offer to come within the "viability range" and that his revised offer at the higher limit of the "viability range" (Rs.15.71) was accepted. The Division Bench has stressed that no such opportunity to make a counter-offer was given to any other tenderer including the first respondent. As the division Bench has rightly pointed out, this is equally a vitiating factor.

5. It is thus clear that the entire procedure followed by the Commissioner and the Government of Assam in accepting the tender of Dutta Associates (appellant herein) is unfair and opposed to the norms which the Government should follow in such matters, viz., *openness, transparency and fair dealing*. The Grounds 1 and 2, which we have indicated hereinabove, are more fundamental than the third ground upon which the High Court has allowed the writ appeal.

6. Before parting with this matter, we must also say that we have not been able to appreciate a particular observation of the Division Bench. In para 12 of its judgment, it said: "In a matter like supply of spirit to warehouse, offer of low or high rate does not affect the government revenue. The more the profit earned by the supplier, the more sales tax can be levied by the Government." We find it difficult to understand how the acceptance of a tender at a high rate does not affect the government revenue. Secondly, we find it yet more difficult to understand the observation that more profit the supplier earns, the more sales tax will the Government realise. Sales tax is not linked with profit. It is linked to the sale price and we see no logic in the Government paying higher rate at a substantive figure and realising sales tax at a smaller figure.

7. In the circumstances, we affirm the judgment of the Division Bench in writ appeal on the grounds stated above and direct that fresh tenders may be floated in the light of the observations made in this judgment. We reiterate that whatever procedure the Government proposes to follow in accepting the tender must be clearly stated in the tender notice. The consideration of the tenders received and the procedure to be followed in the matter of acceptance of a tender should be transparent, fair and open. While a bonafide error or error of judgment would not certainly matter, any *abuse of power for extraneous reasons*, it is obvious, would expose the authorities concerned, whether it is the Minister for Excise or the Commissioner of Excise, to appropriate penalties at the hands of the courts, following the law laid down by this Court in *Shiv Sagar Tiwari v. Union of India*¹ (*In re, Capt. Satish Sharma and Sheila Kaul*).

8. We further direct that pending the finalisation of the contract pursuant to the tenders to be floated hereinafter pursuant to the directions made herein, the present temporary arrangement shall continue. Though Shri Sibal has questioned the correctness of the Commissioner's orders dated 14.10.1996, awarding the contract for the interim period to Indo Merchantiles, we are not prepared to accept the criticism. In our opinion, the Commissioner has given valid reasons for preferring Indo Merchantiles over the appellant when both were prepared to supply at the same rate of Rs.9.20 LPL. We further direct that fresh tenders should be floated within two months from today and the entire process finalised within four months from today.

9. The appeal is accordingly dismissed subject to the above observations. No costs.

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Memorandum No. 1195/IEMC/EE (T)/AEE.1/AE.1/G.O. 17/Tariff revision/Peak hour restriction/97
(Technical Branch), dated 5.5.1997.

Sub: Electricity - Revision of tariff rates with effect from 15.2.97 - H.T. Industrial consumers - Time of day meter - Peak hour restriction - Regarding.

Ref: 1. G.O. (Ms.) No. 25, Energy Department, dated 14.10.93.

2. G.O. (Ms.) No.17, Energy Department, dated 14.2.97.

As per the present G.O. on Tariff Notification dated 14.2.97, Time of day meter has to be provided for H.T. industrial consumers and on installation of the same, the H.T. industrial consumers shall be billed at 20 percent extra on the energy charges for the energy recorded during peak load hours viz. 6.00 A.M. to 9.00 A.M. and 6.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M.

In order to manage the Grid demand during lighting peak hours, it is considered necessary that all the H.T. industries cannot be permitted to work during the peak hours, though time of day meters has to be provided in respect of all the H.T. industrial consumers as per the above stipulation.

Hence as instructed in the earlier G.O. cited under reference (1), all the H.T. Industries (except continuous process and 3 shift industries) shall not work between 6 P.M. and 9 P.M.

The Chief Engineers of Distribution Regions and Superintending Engineers of Distribution Circles are requested to issue necessary instructions to the field for the strict adherence of the above instruction for effective management of the Grid demand during lighting peak hours.

K. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).

Establishment of 200 MW DEPP at Basin Bridge Power House Complex by M/s. GMR Vasavi Power Corporation Limited, - Land Lease Agreement - Amendment - Approval - Communicated.

Per. B.P. (FB) No. 86,

(Technical Branch)

Dated 9.5.97,
Chittirai 26, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

Item 16 of the Extract of the minutes of the 767th meeting
of the TNEB, held on 30.4.97.

Proceedings:

TNEB entered into a land lease agreement with M/s. GMR Vasavi Power Corporation Limited, on 26.3.97, for leasing 29.03 acres of Board's land available in Basin Bridge Power House Complex for the establishment of a 200 MW DEPP.

2. Subsequently, M/s. GMR Vasavi Power Corporation Limited, requested for amendment to the executed land lease agreement by incorporating the following additional provisions, as desired by their tenders:-

2.1 **Clause 4.2(c):** In the event the lessee has created security by transferring the lease hold rights by way of mortgage in favour of Financial Institutions and Banks for the financial assistance provided by them for the Project, the lessor shall give a written notice to the promoted under intimation to the Lender, before terminating the lease.

2.2 **Clause 4.2(d):** In the event, Financial Institutions/Banks are enforcing its securities by way of assignment of the lease hold rights of the lessee of the demised land in favour of a third party, they should do so after getting TNEB's approval and TNEB shall enter into fresh Land Lease Agreement with such third party.

3. After careful consideration of the request of the Company, the Board has accorded approval as follows:

(i) To amend the executed land lease agreement by incorporating the additional clauses as indicated in para (2.1) and para (2.2) above.

(ii) To authorise Chairman/TNEB to approve the future changes to the common format of land lease agreement approved by the Board and communicated in Per. B.P. (FB) No.436, dt. 12.12.95, whenever circumstances arises to different land lease agreements.

(By Order of the Board)

Justin Paul,

Chief Engineer/Independent Power Project.

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Pykara Ultimate Stage Hydro Electric Project (3 x 50 MW) - Consultancy services rendered by Central Water Commission - Continuation - Approval - Accorded.

Per. B.P. (FB) No. 89,

(Technical Branch)

Dated 12.5.97,
Chittirai 29, Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.
Read:

1. B.P. Ms. (FB) No.516, Technical Branch, dt. 29.11.88.

2. Item No.24 of the minutes of 767th meeting of the Board held on 30.4.97.

Proceedings:

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board approved the following proposal of Chief Engineer/Civil Designs in regard to consultancy services rendered by the Central Water Commission, Government of India for the Pykara Ultimate Stage Hydro Electric Project.

- a) To continue to avail the consultancy services rendered by the Central Water Commission, Government of India, New Delhi from the start of the works till 31.12.98 for the scope of works indicated in the Annexures I and II.
- b) To make payment on actual time and cost basis for every quarter for the services rendered by the Central Water Commission for the period from April '95 till 31.12.98.
- c) To allow overhead charges at the rate of 40% on the claim of salary component, actual travel expenses of the staff of Central Water Commission actually engaged in the consultancy work pertaining to their visit to the project and headquarters office and other places in connection with project work and to allow overhead charges at the rate of 40% on the direct material etc. used for the period from 1.1.93 till 31.12.98.
- d) To provide facilities/services rendered to the Central Water Commission by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board as in the Acceptance letter dated 5.1.89 for the services to be rendered by the Central Water Commission, Government of India, New Delhi from April'95 till 31.12.98.
- e) To accord additional sanction of Rs.15.10 lakhs towards payment of consultancy charges bill to Central Water Commission, New Delhi for the continuation period.
- f) To process the pending bills and further bills without deducting income tax at source.
- g) To ratify the action of Chief Engineer/Pykara Ultimate Stage Hydro Electric Project in having continued to avail the consultancy services of Central Water Commission beyond March'95.

(By Order of the Board)

K.V. Rupchand,
Chief Engineer/Civil Designs.

Encl: Annexure I, II

ANNEXURE - I

Scope of consultancy works so far rendered and in progress:

1. Preparation of revised layout of the scheme based on the construction survey and Geological mapping in consultation with CEA and TNEB.
2. Associating with the field Geo-technical investigation and studying the Geo-technical reports of Power House Complex, water conductor system and other tunnels and Adits etc.
3. Preparation of Tender Specification drawings for the various tunnels, shafts, power house complex.
4. Working out details of PH instrumentation and scope of various rock mechanics studies to be conducted.
5. Detailed design of water conductor system including Gates, Power house complex and preparation of construction drawings in stages.
6. Design of Access tunnel, Adits, cable shaft and preparation of construction drawings.

ANNEXURE - II

Scope of consultancy works to be rendered by CWC

1. Detailed Design of intake structure and issue of specification and construction drawings.
2. Detailed design of Tailrace gate in the P.H. and issue of specification and construction drawings and correspondences regarding erection, testing, commissioning of intake - Service and emergency gates and associated works.

3. Power House Complex - Sequence of excavation of P.H., Transformer cavern, busducts, escape tunnels, connection tunnel etc., rock bolt supporting arrangements, drainage arrangements, P.H. floors, including structural steel works Machine foundations and other associated works.
4. P.H. instrumentation and rock mechanics studies.
5. Design of water conductor systems and issue of construction drawings.
6. Associating with field Geotechnical investigation reports.
7. Design of Civil structure of switch yard.
8. Vetting of Technical specification if any.
9. Design of various Adits and issue of construction drawings.

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Electricity - Coimbatore Distribution Circle - Provision of VHF Communication system among sub-stations Fuse Off Call Centres in and around Coimbatore town - Administrative Approval - Accorded.

Routine B.P. (CH) No.72.

(Technical Branch)

Dated the 17th May 1997,
Vaigasi, 3 Easwara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

Chief Engineer/Protection and Communication/Chennai Note dated 21.4.97.

Proceedings:

1. The Chairman/Tamil Nadu Electricity Board approves the proposal of Chief Engineer/Protection and Communication/Chennai for provision of VHF Communication system in and around Coimbatore Town for operation and management of power network and attending to the faults and complaints expeditiously at a total estimated cost of Rs.39,12,500/- as per Annexure.

2. This expenditure is chargeable to "TNEB Funds - Capital Expenditure - Coimbatore Electricity Distribution Circle - A/C. No.14-909.

(By Order of the Chairman)

P.R. Rajendran,
Chief Engineer/P&C/

Encl: One Annexure.

Detailed Estiment for Fuse of Call - VHF Communication in Coimbatore Urban Area

Sl. No.	Description	Quantity	Rates	Per	Amount Rs. P.
1.	Fixed VHF sets with accessories such as Antenna, RF Cable, Connector etc.,	31 Sets	25,000/-	Set	7,75,000.00
2.	Mobile VHF sets with accessories such as Antenna RF Cable, Connector etc.,	14 Sets	25,000/-	Set	3,50,000.00
3.	12 V Batteries for static sets.	30 Sets	6,000/-	Set	1,80,000.00
4.	12 V Auto Mobile Batteries for Mobile sets.	14 Sets	4,000/-	Set	56,000.00
5.	12 V Battery Charger for static sets	30 Nos.	15,000/-	Each	4,50,000.00
6.	12 V Battery Charger for Automobile Batteries.	2 Nos.	12,000/-	Each	24,000.00
7.	Spares for VHF sets	L.S.			1,00,000.00
8.	Mast for antenna for fixed sets	28 Nos.	15,000/-	Each	4,20,000.00
9.	Survey Fees	L.S.			15,000.00
10.	Erection, Installation, testing and commissioning charges	L.S.			1,25,000.00
					----- 24,95,000.00
Testing Instruments:					
a.	Digital Multimeter	2 Nos.	15,000/-		30,000.00
b.	Power Supply - 25 VDC, 0-10A	1 No.	15,000/-		15,000.00
c.	Thru. Line Watt Meter 25 MHz to 1 GHz Power range 0.5 W, 0-15W Line Impedance - 50 Ohms.	2 Nos.	50,000/-		1,00,000.00
d.	Radio Communication test set.	1 No.	6,00,000/-		6,00,000.00
					----- 32,40,000.00
	Contingencies @ 5%				1,62,000.00
					----- 34,02,000.00
	Estt. & Supervision @ 15%				5,10,300.00
					----- 39,12,300.00
					----- Total 39,12,300.00
	or Say Rs.39,12,500/- (Rupees Thirty nine lakhs twelve thousand and five hundred only)				

TNEB - LMHEP - Specification C 1264 - Contract with M/s. CIMMCO Limited, BHARATPUR for supply and erection of electrically operated lift type steel gates for Barrage 4 - Arbitration with M/s. CIMMCO - Payment of fees to senior counsel Thiru N.C. Raghavachari - Approved.

Per. B.P. (CH) No. 108,

(Technical Branch)

Dated 20.5.1997,
Vaigasi 6, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Ref: Note dt. 7.5.95 of CE/CD (SE/CH)

Proceedings:

1. The following proposals pertaining to the fees payable to the Senior Advocate Thiru N.C. Raghavachari in the matter of Arbitration with M/s. CIMMCO Limited, Bharatpur against specification C1264 for the work of supply and erection of electrically operated lift type steel gates for Barrage 4 are approved.

- a) A lumpsum payment of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) for discussion/conferences with Tamil Nadu Electricity Board officials.
- b) A fee of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) for finalising written arguments.

2. The expenditure is chargeable to TNEB Funds - Revenue expenses - 7 Administrative expenses - VIII law charges - Legal expenses and other charges A/c. No. 76.121.

(By Order of the Chairman)

K.V. Rupchand,
Chief Engineer/Civil Designs.

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Circular Memorandum No.SE/IEMC/EE3/AEE.2/AE/V.40/D. 236/97, (Technical Branch), Dated 22.5.1997.

Sub: Electricity - Energisation of 5000 Pumpsets in Special Priority under SFS (R) during 1997-98 - Instructions - Regarding.

Ref: Circular Memo. No.SE/IEMC/EE.3/AEE.2/AE/V. 40/D. 315/97, Dated 2.5.97.

Further to the Circular dated 2.5.97 cited under reference, the field officers are requested to obtain an undertaking from the applicants opting for the above scheme, that the applicant is aware that if his case falls under the category of less than Rs.50,000/- then his case will not be given any special priority and his case will be considered under the category of less than Rs.50,000/- which has got separate priority.

V. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).

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Memorandum No.SE/IEMC/EE.3/AEE.2/F. Acceptance of consumer meter,/D.237/97 (T.B.), Dated 22.5.1997.

Sub: Electricity - Accepting new TOD Electronic Trivector meter to effect H.T. new services from the prospective H.T. consumers - Approval - Regarding.

As it may take some considerable time for supply of TOD Electronic Trivector Meters to effect new H.T. services and the meters already ordered are sufficient only for replacement of the existing conventional Trivector Meters, approval is hereby accorded, to accept new TOD Electronic Trivector Meters to effect H.T.

new services from the prospective H.T. consumers who comes forward. The above procedure can be followed till the receipt of Departmental TOD Electronic meters and the same should be stopped when the position of supply of meter is improved subject to the following conditions.

1. The calibrated TOD meter has to be procured from any of the following three companies only.

- a) M/s. CG Schlum Berger Electricity Management Limited,
- b) M/s. Secure Meters Limited,
- c) M/s. Larson & Toubro Limited,

2) The TOD meter should be accepted only with one year guarantee card. If the meter fails within the guarantee period the concerned Superintending Engineers/Electricity Distribution Circles should make necessary arrangements for free replacement by the Company.

3) The rate for the TOD meter to be refunded to the consumer will be intimated later.

4) The other General procedure that is being followed in accepting the consumer's meters may be followed in this case also.

V. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).

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Memorandum No. SE/IEMC/EE.3/AEE.1/F. Instruction/D.296/97, (Technical Branch), dt. 22.5.1997.

Sub:Electricity - Temporary supply availed by H.T. consumers for construction premises in their own premises - Provision of metering arrangements for the construction activities - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Permanent B.P. (Ch.) No.131, (Technical Branch), dt. 18.7.89.

2. Member (Distribution)'s Circular Memo. No. SE/IEMC/E1/AEE/0528/96, dt. 19.4.96.

3. SE/IEMC/ Letter No.08710/IEMC/EE1/AEE/C. 3171/D.1094/96, dt. 11.10.96.

The attention of the Chief Engineers/Distribution Regions and Superintending Engineers is invited to the letter dated 11.10.96 cited under reference (3) wherein it is furnished that an H.T. consumer can avail L.T. temporary supply devied from their H.T. service for construction purpose by fixing an L.T. energy meter upto 200 KVA and beyond 200 KVA H.T. metering to be used.

On further examination the following revised instruction is issued cancelling the instruction issued vide reference (3) dated 11.10.96.

The L.T. metering only is to be adopted for temporary supply irrespective of the load and to apply L.T. temporary supply tariff rates for the extension of supply for the construction purpose from the existing H.T. service. The energy consumption recorded in the temporary supply L.T. metering is to be deducted from the H.T. consumption recorded in the H.T. meter. The remaining units may be billed at the H.T. Tariff rates at the Main Permanent H.T. service.

Receipt of this memo. may be acknowledged.

V. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board - Provision of additional testing equipments for augmenting the existing testing facility of Research Lab - Under the control of the Chief Engineer/NCES & R&D Estimate - Approved.

(Per.) B.P. (FB) No. 94

(Technical Branch)

Dated 23.5.97,
Vaikasi 9, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

READ: Item No.19 of the minutes of the 768th meeting
of the TNEB held on 15.5.97.

The Board approves the proposal for the provision of additional testing equipments for the Research Lab under the control of Chief Engineer/NCES & R&D at a cost of Rs.9,25,050/- (Rupees Nine lakhs twenty five thousand and fifty only) as per the list of testing equipments shown in annexure.

(By Order of the Board)

S. Thiagarajan,
Chief Engineer/NCES & R&D.

Encl.: Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ADDITIONAL TESTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE RESEARCH LAB DIVISION

Sl. No.	Description	Quantity	Rates (in Rs.)	Per	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	Megger - 5 KV	1 No.	2,10,000/-	No.	2,10,000/-
2.	Circuit Breaker Analyser	1 No.	3,80,00/-	No.	3,80,000/-
3.	Integrator with software and hardware for oil testing	1 No.	2,10,000/-	No.	2,10,000/-
4.	Methanisor for Transformer oil testing	1 No.	46,000/-	No.	46,000/-
5.	Automatic Karl Fischer Titrator for Transformers oil testing	1 No.	35,000/-	No.	35,000/-
					8,81,000/-
Centages at 5%					44,050/-
(Rupees Nine lakhs twenty five thousand and fifty only)					9,25,050/-

Movement of coal wagons from Gevra area of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (without linkage) during 7/94 to 10/94 on 'to-pay' basis on payment of extra surcharge at 10% on Railway freight amounting to Rs.11,98,520.47 - Approval - Accorded.

(Per.) B.P. No. (FB) No. 100

(Technical Branch)

Dated 26.5.97,
Vaikasi 12, Eswara,
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2028.

Read:

Item No.35 of 768th Board meeting held on 15.05.97.

Proceedings:

South Eastern Railway moved 12 rakes of coal wagons from GEVRA area of South Eastern Coalfields Limited for TNEB (without linkage allocation) during the period 20.7.94 to 27.10.94 due to operational necessity, which resulted in extra payment of surcharge at 10% on Railway freight amounting to Rs.11,98,520.47 by TNEB. This amount was deducted from SECL coal bills, pending receipt of refund from South Eastern Railway. As per Board's orders, this amount should be claimed from the Railways. Refund has already been claimed with Railways and is being pursued.

2. TNEB, after careful consideration, have approved the proposals to refund the surcharge amount of Rs.11,98,520.47 deducted from SECL bills, to South Eastern Coalfields Limited and also to incur the extra expenditure by the Board on this account.

3. The expenditure is debitable to Account head 83.210 (freight)

(By Order of the Board)

M. Paramasivam,
Chief Engineer/Mechanical/Coal.

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Memo. No.SE/IEMC/EE3/AEE1/F. 24/D. 329/97, (Technical Branch), dt. 30.5.97.

Sub: Minutes of the Review/Discussion meeting held on 11.30 hrs./
12.3.97 at Erode.

Ref: M(D) minutes Endt. No.M(D)/EA/F.8/D.25/97, dt. 24.4.97.

With reference to the minutes of the Member (Distribution) communicated under the above cited reference, the field Officers are instructed to verify the readiness reported by the L.T. applicant (Industrial) before confirming the priority and before commencement of work. If L.T. applicant is not ready, the applicant may suitably be informed to enter his readiness again after the applicant is fully ready.

V. Varadharajan,
Member (Distribution).

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