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From

The Director

To

The Heads of all institutions under IHRD

Sir / Madam,

Sub:- IHRD - Electricity Tariff - Categorized under LT-VI (A) - Interim Order of KSERC - forwarding of copy - for necessary action - reg

Ref: 1) Interim Order in OP No. 18/2023 of October 2023 of Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission
2) Schedule of Tariff vide No: 427/D(T)/2023/KSERC dated 31.10.2023 published Govt.Gazette No: 3548 dated 02.11.2023.

Vide references cited above, the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued and published orders in which institutions under IHRD has been categorized under LT-VI(A) tariff.

A copy of the reference 2nd cited is forwarded herewith for your information further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by

Dr. V A Arun Kumar

Date: 23-11-2023 16:25:00

DIRECTOR

Encl : as stated above.



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**INTERIM ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF 'SCHEDULE OF TARIFF AND TERMS AND
CONDITIONS FOR RETAIL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY WITH
EFFECT FROM 01.11.2023 TO 30.06.2024'**

OP NO. 18/2023

OCTOBER 2023

M/s Auxilium Products further requested before the Commission to ensure the following for the survival of their industry.

- (i) Uninterrupted quality power supply
- (ii) Avoid fixed charge, duty, etc.
- (iii) Avoid differential pricing method Time zone; 1 Normal, 2 Peak, 3 Off peak
- (iv) Fix the rate of total supply to the unit at ₹4.575(excepting FC, Duty etc.) irrespective of the time of the work of the unit
- (v) Refund the advance deposit made by us for ₹11,43,400.
- (vi) Permit them to make the deposit at a newly tariffed rate of ₹60,000 as CD deposit. Revised interest for this amount should be adjusted in the bill monthly

Views of the Commission

2.17 Over the years, the Commission has maintaining the industrial tariffs within +_20% of the average cost of supply. Further, the industrial tariff in the State is one of the lowest compared to other States. The details are given below.

Comparison of industrial tariffs

Voltage level	Kerala (2022-23)		Tamilnadu (2023-24)		Telangana (2023-24)		Karnataka (2023-24)		Maharastra (2023-24)		Gujarat (2023-24)		MP (2023-24)	
	Demand Charge	Energy charge	Demand Charge	Energy charge	Demand Charge	Energy charge	Demand Charge	Energy charge	Demand Charge	Energy charge	Demand Charge	Energy charge	Demand Charge	Energy charge
	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)	(Rs/ kVA/ month)	(Rs/ Unit)
11kV	390	6.10				7.65								
66kV	400	6.00				7.15								
110kV	390	5.90	562	6.90	475		350	7.4	499	8.12	475			
220kV	360	5.30				6.65								
												6.74 (Rs/ 4.30/unit + Rs 2.64/unit)		
													384	7.30
													616	7.26
													704	6.85
													704	6.40

Though the average inflation since the last tariff revision in June 2022 was around 7.06%, the Commission has decided to limit the increase in tariff of the HT&EHT industries within 1.50% to 2.6% over last year.

The Commission also noted the issues raised by the Auxilium Products. The tariff determination is a quasi judicial process as per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and other Rules and Regulations in force. The Commission cannot provide concessional tariff any particular consumer. However, the petitioner may approach the State Government to get subsidy over the tariff determined by the Commission under Section 65 of the EA-2003.

Issue No.8. Tariff for Educational Institutions administered by Government such as LBS, IHRD, CAPE, SIEMAT etc.

2.18 During the hearings, State Institute of Educational Management and Training -Kerala (SIEMAT- Kerala) submitted that, they are established by the

State Government to provide training to teachers and the officers of educational departments. However, the electricity tariff assigned to them is under LT-VI(F) category, i.e., the tariff assigned to self financing educational institutions. Hence they requested that, their institution shall be categorised under LT-VI(A) tariff, the tariff applicable to Government/aided educational institutions.

Institute of Land and Disaster Management (ILDM) submitted that, ILDM is a training centre under revenue department. Kerala. ILDM is run by the amount allocated as plan fund by GoK every year. However, KSEBL has categorised them under LT-V(F) tariff applicable to self financing educational institutions instead of LT-VI(A) tariff applicable to Government/ aided educational institutions.

Similar request also from the educational institutions administered by the State Government such as LBS, IHRD, CAPE etc that, they are presently categorised under LT-VI(F) Tariff instead of LT-VI(A) tariff applicable to Government/ aided educational institutions.

Decision of the Commission

2.19 The Commission has examined in detail the request of SIEMAT, ILDM, CAPE, IHRD, LBS etc. As per the prevailing tariff Order dated 25.06.2022, the Government/ aided educational institutions are categorised under LT-VI(A) tariff where as the self financing educational institutions are billed under LT-VI(F) tariff.

The Commission after detailed appraisal of the issue, decided that, the electricity tariff applicable for all the educational institutions administered by the State Government shall be LT-VI(A) tariff applicable for the Government / aided educational institutions. The change is applicable only from the date of this Order.

Issue No.9 Tariff for aided educational institutions with self financing courses

2.20 **Institute for Sustainable Development and Energy Studies (InSDES), Shoranur** submitted that, it is very common that, the aided educational institutions also run self financing courses with the approval of the Government. The fee structure of the self financing courses are entirely different. But it is practically not possible to segregate the load of the self financing courses. Hence, it is requested that the Commission may get a proposal from KSEB Ltd and sort it out and assign LT-VI(F) tariff applicable for self financing courses to them.

Friends of Electricity Employees and Consumers(FEEC) expressed similar view point during the hearing.

KSEB officers Association submitted that as per the prevailing tariff Order the Commission, Self Financing Educational Institutions is categorised under LT VI F and Government institutions under LT VI A tariff. But as private or self-financed courses are widely conducted along with aided institutions, it is

Table 3.30
Existing tariff and the tariff proposed by KSEB Ltd

Particulars	Existing Tariff (2022-23)	Proposed Tariff			
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Fixed charge (Rs/kW/ month)	15	30	50	60	70
Energy Charge (Rs/kWh)	3.30	3.50	3.70	3.90	4.00

The Commission has examined the proposal in detail. The LT-V(B) Agriculture tariff is also highly subsidised and the cost coverage of this group is only 50.81% of the average cost of supply. Considering the overall inflation and the increase in average cost of supply, the Commission decided for a marginal increase in the electricity tariff of LT-V(B) category.

The existing tariff, proposal of KSEB Ltd and the tariff approved by the Commission for LT-V (B) category is given below.

Table 3.31
Existing tariff and KSEBL proposal and the tariff approved by the Commission for the LT- V(B) category

Particulars	Existing Tariff	Proposed by KSEB L	Approved by the Commission
Fixed charge (Rs/kW/month)	15	30	20
Energy charges (Rs/ kWh)	3.30	3.50	3.40

Low Tension –VI-General (A) [LT-VI(A)]

3.48 The tariff under LT-VI (A) category is applicable to:

- (i) Government or aided educational institutions; libraries and reading rooms of Government or Government aided educational institutions.
- (ii) Government hospitals; X-Ray units, laboratories, blood banks, mortuaries and such other units attached to the government hospitals; blood banks of IMA or of local self-government institutions; poly clinics under Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).
- (iii) Centres for religious worship such as temples, mosques and churches; institutions imparting religious education, monasteries and convents;

Table 3.32
Existing and Tariff proposed by KSEB Ltd

Particulars	Existing Tariff (2022-23)	Proposed Tariff			
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Fixed charge (Rs/kW/ month)					
< 500 units	70	90	100	110	110
> 500	70	90	100	110	110
Energy Charge (Rs/kWh)					
< 500 units	5.80	5.80	6.00	6.00	6.00
> 500	6.65	6.65	6.75	6.75	6.75

The Commission carefully examined the tariff proposed by KSEB Ltd for LT-VI(A) category as above. Considering the huge unbridged approved revenue gap for the year and overall inflation and the increase in average cost of supply, the Commission decides to enhance the tariff of the LT-VI(A) categories as below.

Table 3.33
Existing tariff, proposed tariff and approved tariff for LT-VI(A) category

Sl No	Particulars	Existing Tariff	Proposed by KSEB L	Approved by the Commission
1	Fixed charges (Rs/per kW or part thereof per month)	70	90	80
2	Energy charge (Rs/ kWh)			
	(i) Monthly consumption of and below 500 units (all units)	5.80	5.80	5.80
	(ii) Monthly consumption above 500 units (all units)	6.65	6.65	6.65

As detailed earlier, LT-VI (A) Tariff is applicable for all Government or Government aided educational institutions. However, the educational institutions administered by the State Government such as LBS, IHRDE, CAPE etc are categorised under LT-VI(F) category along with the self financing educational institutions. These institutions during the hearings and also through separate petitions have requested before the Commission to categorise them also under LT-VI (A) tariff along with the Government educational institutions. The Commission has examined their request and decided that all the educational institutions under the administrative control of the State Government such as LBS, IHRDE, CAPE etc shall be categorised under LT-VI (A) tariff, with effect from the date of this Order.

Low Tension- VI – General (B) – [LT – VI (B)]

3.49 As per the prevailing tariff order dated 25.06.2022, LT- VI (B) tariff is applicable to the following categories,-

- (i) offices and institutions under the State or Central Governments or under the Local Self Government Institutions, except those which are included in the category LT-VI General (C); village offices; Government Treasuries.
- (ii) offices of the Corporations, Boards and other Public Sector Undertakings under State or Central Governments;
- (iii) offices of the Kerala Water Authority (KWA), Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and Kerala State Water Transport Corporation (KSWTC);
- (iv) museum and / or zoo;
- (v) hostels of educational institutions affiliated to Universities, hostels under the control of the Director of Technical Education or the Director of Medical Education or the Director of Public Instruction or such other