

5. It has also been stated that in order to reduce the hardship faced by the public and to facilitate supply of power during evening and night hours for lighting purpose, to ensure uninterrupted power supply for essential services and to enable industries and other consumers to plan their operations, the existing measures have to be revised.

6. After considering the various issues as stated above and the present position of power supply in the State, the Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 38 of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code, as notified by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission on 21-7-04, direct as follows:

- i) Rural Feeders: In rural areas, single phase supply shall be given for 14 hours in a day and 3 phase supply shall be given for 10 hours per day. Agriculturists may operate their pumpsets only during 3 phase supply i.e. 6 hours during day time and 4 hours during night time. Agriculturists shall not operate pumpsets during single phase supply.
- ii) Domestic services in urban areas shall be ensured power supply for a minimum 20 hours daily.
- iii) Demand and consumption restriction shall be imposed on HT industrial and commercial consumers to the extent of 40%. The demand charges on such consumers may be reduced proportionately.
- iv) Consumption restriction shall be imposed on LT-CT industrial and commercial consumers to the extent of 20%.
- v) LT industrial and commercial consumers consuming in excess of 2000 units bi-monthly shall be required to reduce their consumption by 20% and the ceiling for bi-monthly consumption may be fixed at 80% of their average bi-monthly consumption during the previous year. Power consumed over and above such ceiling of bi-monthly consumption shall attract a penal charge equivalent to 50% of the relevant tariff.
- vi) All HT and LT-CT industrial and commercial consumers should not draw power from the grid during evening peak hours from 6.00 PM to 10 PM. TNEB shall take action to disconnect service connections of consumers found to be violating this restriction and disconnected services shall be given connection only after 48 hours and only after paying the re-connection charges.
- vii) TNEB supply shall not be provided for lavish and decorative lighting for private functions, except for religious festivals organized at public places of worship.

7. The following services shall be exempted from demand and energy restrictions: