



Energy (C3) Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.

Letter (Ms.) No.121, Energy, dated 22-10-2008

From
Tmt. Smita Nagaraj, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board
Chennai-2.

Sir,

Sub: Electricity – Shortfall in supply power – Revised instructions u/s 38 of Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code – Issued.

Ref: 1. Government Letter (Ms.) No.113, Energy, dated 7.10.2008.
2. From the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Letter No.CE/PM&M/EE/DSM/ D.34/08, dated 22.10.2008.

I invite your attention to the letter first cited, in which Government has issued directions for certain restrictions on consumption of power in view of the current power shortage in the State.

2. In the letter second cited, it has been stated that the existing measures to regulate the supply and consumption of electricity in the State are inadequate and that there is a need to take further measures. Further it has also been stated that pursuant to the implementation of measures as directed in the letter first cited a number of representations have been received from consumers who have been adversely affected by frequent interruptions in supply of electricity.

3. It has been further informed that the present peak demand for electricity in the State during evening hours is in the range of 9000 MW to 9400 MW and the demand during day time is around 8800 MW. The present shortage of power is between 1800 MW and 2200 MW.

4. It has also been brought out that the hydro storage in Nilgiris system at present is around 852 MU, as against 1419 MU at the same time last year. Generation from hydro sources has to be restricted to 4.0 MU per day, since the available storage is to be utilized judiciously till the onset of the monsoon in June 2009.