

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL YEAR 2007-08



**TRIPURA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
AGARTALA :: TRIPURA**

Electricity sector in Tripura, so long was the monopoly of the State Government including finance, administration and policy matter. From a few KW capacity and demand, it has grown up to the present level of operation having its peak demand 160 MW and off peak demand of 80 MW and consumer number more than 4(four) lakhs spreaded over entire State area of 10,491.69 sq. km with hills and valley terrains having patches of plain land surrounded by international border all along the territorial limit barring a goose neck connecting it to North East region. It has nearly 33 lakhs plus population, Four Districts, one Autonomous District Council. Its 97% villages and 38% households are electrified so far. The per capita consumption in the State is around 188 kwh which has to go to a national targeted level of 1000 units by 2012. Which is an Himalayan task unless each Citizen participates.


Financial performance of power sector in Tripura has been a matter of concern for the State Government and it had drawn up a plan for restructuring of power sector in Tripura and it has established independent State Electricity Regulatory Commission in line with the Electricity Act, 2003 and National Electricity Policy. Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) has been constituted and registered as a public limited company vide G.O.No.1 of Power Department and File No.10(326)-CEE/Pt-II/2004(S)/594-654 dated 28th December, 2004, and started functioning from January 1, 2005. Operational control of all assets relating to generation, transmission and distribution and its allied activities is transferred to Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL). As per Electricity Act, TSECL is considered a deemed licensee and it had submitted its tariff petition and annual revenue requirement for the year 2005-06 & 2006-07.

ORGANIZATION – MANPOWER – INFRASTRUCTURE

- Secretary (EX. Engineer) of the Commission – provided by Power Department
- One Jr. Engineer – provided by Power Department.
- One PS & one Personal Assistant – provided GA(P&T) Department.
- One U.D.Clerk & one L.D. Clerk – provided by Power Department.
- One Driver – provided by GA(SA) Department.
- Two Group-D & one DRW staff – provided by Power Department.

KEY INFORMATION OF POWER SECTOR –

- ✓ APDRP work in progress.
- ✓ Feeder metering almost completed, as intimated.
- ✓ Computerized billing covers urban areas & also part of rural areas.
- ✓ Very few legal disputes.
- ✓ Grievance Redressal Forum in position.



A good consumer pays
electricity bill and
demand service

- ✓ No captive generation in the State.
- ✓ State Govt., Licensee, consumer, Commission are set to reform in to better future.
- ✓ 104 MW Monarchak Power Project is in progress.
- ✓ 740 MW Palatana Power Project is in progress.

TERC's activities –

(a) Regulations approved and notified -

- Conduct of Business Regulation.
- Supply Code Regulation.
- Standard of Performance Regulation.
- Tariff Procedure Regulation.
- Tariff Regulation.
- Miscellaneous Provision Regulation.
- Terms & Condition of Consultant Regulation.
- State Advisory Committee Regulation.
- Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & appointment of Ombudsman.
- Grant of Licensing & Terms and condition of licensee
- Misc. Provisions relating to Petition, fees.

An Unit of Electricity saved is an unit of electricity generated.

(b) Regulations to be published –

- Regulation for Open Access
- Regulation for Grid Code
- Regulation for Number, nature and categories of other employees and salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of Secretary, other Officers and Employees.

(c) Forum of Regulators (FOR) constituted by the Govt. of India where all Chairpersons of SERC's are only the members as per provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR) constituted under the Societies Act where all Chairpersons and Members of SERC's are the members of the FOIR. The Chairman, TERC attended the FOR & FOIR meetings and at present is the honorary Vice-Chairman.

(d) State Advisory Committee meetings held during the year.

Actual development will start when each house hold has access to electricity.

State Government has to provide:

- Manpower infrastructure is most inadequate - attention of the State Govt. sought for.
- Fund given by State Government.
- State Level Forum fund.
- District Level Forum fund.
- A set of Rules as per Section-180 (Accounting norms, Audit, Annual Report, Salary structure of Commission and other officer concern).

TARIFF ORDER STATUS –

- There was no Tariff application received from the licensee for the year 2007-08 due to non-finalization of accounts and other reasons stated. The Tariff Order issued for 2006-07 is in force.

**FIRST TARIFF ORDER ISSUED
W.E.F. 1ST JULY, 2005
OVERALL 2 NUMBERS OF TARIFF ORDER
ALREADY BEEN ISSUED**

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS –

- The finance and accounts of the TERC were maintained by the TSECL / Power Department, Govt. of Tripura till March 2006. **From April, 2006 the fund is being received from State Government by TERC.** Annual Account as per Annexure-I is enclosed.
- Audit Report – In absence of Rules to be notified by State Govt., CAG audit pending.

LIGAL DISPUTES –

- A Writ petition is filed in the matter of jurisdiction through writ petition No. W.P.(C) 346/07 and Hon ble High Court order Show Cause Notice of motion. Reply to which furnished and submitted through Ld. Advocate Shri Sankar Deb.

**Unauthorized use of electricity is a punishable offence.
Theft / Damage to electrical plant equipment line etc. is
a punishable offence.**

POWER FOR ALL - BY 2012