

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695 003**

PRESENT: Shri M.K.G. Pillai, Chairman.  
Shri C. Balakrishnan, Member.

**September 01, 2004**

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| Petition No.DP17 | Dy.No.00393<br>Dt.29.7.2004 | Kerala State Information<br>Technology Mission,<br>Govt. of Kerala. | Petitioner |
|                  |                             | Kerala State Electricity<br>Board .                                 | Respondent |

**INTERIM ORDER**

1 The Kerala State Information Technology Mission under the Department of Information Technology, Government of Kerala, has filed a petition *vide* letter No.KSITM:D:AKSHAY/PTR/1440/04 dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004 for revision of tariff for supply of power to Akshaya Project of the Govt.of Kerala. The petitioner has stated that at present the tariff for electricity supply to Akshaya Centres is charged under category LT-VII (A)/VII (B) for commercial consumers. The petitioner has further stated that as per the IT policy of the Govt. of Kerala announced in December 2001, *IT industry units are entitled to tariff under HT-I industry and LT-IV industry depending on the supply voltage and connected load. This classification shall be maintained even in the case of IT software industry brought under the purview of the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishment Act, 1960.* Accordingly, Akshaya Centres are eligible for tariff under LT-IV category. The petitioner has, therefore, argued that the Akshaya Centres should be charged tariff for electricity under category LT-IV.

2. The Commission notified the petition to the KSEB and called for the response of the Board to the request made by the petitioner. The Board *vide* letter No.KSEB/TRAC/GEN/04/EE/484 dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2004 has stated that Akshaya Centres were not classified under any category in the last tariff revision brought out by the Board on

24<sup>th</sup> October 2002, as Akshaya Centres have started functioning only w.e.f. 16<sup>th</sup> November 2002. The Board has stated that since the Akshaya Centres are engaged in computer training activity they come under the tariff category LT VI- (B) as per the classification made under the existing tariff notification.

3. *The Commission has considered the matter and has come to the conclusion that as per the present categorization of various types of consumers, Akshaya Centres come under the category of computer training centers. Therefore they should be classified under the category LT VI- (B) as per the existing categorization of consumers for tariff. Pending tariff rationalization including reclassification of consumers by the Commission, it is decided that Akshaya Centres should be charged tariff for power supply under category LT VI- (B). However, such tariff categorization should be made applicable with retrospective effect. The KSEB may take necessary action accordingly.*

4. *The petition dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004 of Kerala IT Mission is disposed of accordingly.*



C. Balakrishnan  
Member



M.K.G. Pillai  
Chairman