



TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION

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To All Members

CIRCULAR

Dear Members,

Sub: CEA Captive Power Portal – Clarification on applicability of monthly Format-21 data submission – Reg.

Ref: 1. CEA Member Planning Letter No. D.O. No.1/58131/2025 dtd. 23.12.2025
2. TECA Circular No. 17 dated 22-08-2026

In continuation of the TECA circular cited as **Reference 2**, TECA had sought clarification from the **Regional Power Survey Office (South), CEA**, regarding the applicability of monthly data submission through the **Captive Power Portal (CPP Portal)** for HT consumers. A copy of the clarification received from CEA is enclosed for members' information and reference.

CEA has clarified that the monthly **Format-21** submission requirement applies only to entities satisfying **both** the following criteria:

- **Electricity demand/connected load: 500 kVA and above; and**
- **Combined installed captive generating capacity: 500 kW and above,** including base-load, standby plants and DG sets.

Accordingly, HT consumers having **500 kVA and above connected load but no captive generating capacity of 500 kW and above are not required to register on the CPP Portal or submit the monthly Format-21 data.**

The monthly submission requirement was separately mandated vide **D.O. No. I/58131/2025 dated 23.12.2025**, with submissions commencing from **01.01.2026**. This requirement is distinct from the **annual Format-21 return** under the *CEA (Furnishing of Statistics, Returns and Information) Regulations, 2007*. A copy of the said D.O. letter is also enclosed for ready reference.



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Applicability at a Glance

Consumer Category	Monthly CPP Portal Submission
Connected load below 500 kVA	Not applicable
Connected load $\geq$ 500 kVA, but captive generation < 500 kW / Nil	Not applicable
Connected load $\geq$ 500 kVA and captive generation $\geq$ 500 kW	Applicable

Members satisfying both criteria are advised to register and submit the prescribed monthly data through the CEA CPP Portal:

<https://intranet.cea.gov.in/captiveNew/>

<https://intranet.cea.gov.in/captiveNew/register>

It may also be noted that, although **Format-21 is titled "Annual Report," the same format is used for monthly data submission through the CPP Portal**, as clarified by RPSO (South), Bengaluru.

For any difficulty in accessing or submitting data through the portal, members may contact the following officers of RPSO (South):

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With warm regards,

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