

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION

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All Members

Respected Members,

"Advance Deepavali Greetings from TECA"

Sub: **Solar Connectivity Issues**-Order of the Hon'ble High Court in **WP No. 15532 of 2021**-Copy of the Order communicated with comments.

Ref: The Order of the Hon'ble High Court in WP No.15532 of 2021 dated 25.10.2021.

In continuation to the above, we herewith enclosed the Order of the Hon'ble High Court in WP No.15532 of 2021 dated 25.10.2021, by which the Hon'ble High Court has issued its final directions to the TANGEDCO to the extent extracted below.

- "5. Pursuant to the orders passed by this Court on 08.10.2021, it is submitted by the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the 1st respondent that the Commission has issued the Regulations dated 20.10.2021 and the tariff order was also passed on 22.10.2021.
- 6. In view of the above development, the TANGEDCO has to process the applications in line with the tariff order passed by the Commission.
- 7. The learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the TANGEDCO will follow up with the tariff order passed by the Commission and the applications will be processed at the earliest point of time.
- 8. Even, when the earlier order was passed by this Court on 08.10.2021, this Court took into consideration the fact that there are nearly 200 applications pending and one such application has been given by the High Court of Madras. Therefore, this Court expects the authorities belonging to TANGEDCO to immediately act upon applications in line with the tariff order and complete the process as expeditiously as possible. In the same way, the fresh applications that are submitted shall also be taken up and decision shall be taken as expeditiously as possible. The pending



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applications shall be processed and decision shall be taken, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

9. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed."

Accordingly, all the applications kept pending at TANGEDCO for providing connectivity approvals for Solar Projects, both for Roof Top / Ground Mounted within the premises, should be cleared off within two weeks.

Further, all future applications if any filed for Solar connectivity approvals should also be processed as expeditiously as possible and however, within 30 days as provided in the Solar Tariff Order dated 22.10.2021, on which TECA has provided the comments as per the Circular No. 44 dated 28.10.2021

Therefore, those members, having filed their applications for Solar connectivity approval already, can follow with the TANGEDCO officials to clear off their applications at the earliest and however, within two weeks. Any non-compliance of the schedule as fixed by the Hon'ble High Court, will lead to Contempt Proceedings and accordingly, members are advised to follow the matter with the TANGEDCO.

With Warm Regards

Dr. CB Senthilkumar Secretary