

TAMIL NADU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

(ABSTRACT)

Establishment - TNPDC - Constitution of Litigation Management Committee (LMC) in TNPDC - Certain guidelines issued by Government/Finance (BPE) Department - Adoption and Nominating Committee members - Orders - Issued.

(SECRETARIAT BRANCH)

(Per.) FB TNPDC Proceedings No.22

Dated 7th September 2026.

Aavani-21.

Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2057.

Read :

1. Government Letter No.e1656/Finance (BPE)/2025, dated 01.08.2025.
2. Government Letter No.129/Finance (BPE)/2025, dated 29.09.2025.
3. Extract from the minutes of the 136th Board meeting of TNPDC held on 23.06.2026.

PROCEEDINGS:-

In the Government letter first read above, the Government has requested to constitute a Litigation Management Committee consisting of a minimum of three Senior Officers viz, (a) Head of Legal/Law Officer – Chairperson, (b) Heads of Human Resources - Member and (c) Head of Finance – Member.

- 2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government among other things has stated that appeals involving financial expenditure or policy decisions of the Department, when proposed by Secretaries to Government, may now be filed without the mandatory requirement of obtaining legal opinion from Law Officers. This relaxation, however, does not apply to proposals initiated by officials below the rank of Secretary to Government, unless routed through the Secretary to Government concerned. This move is in response to delay arising while awaiting legal opinions, which have resulted in contempt proceedings against Departments for the late filing of appeals. This relaxation is, therefore strictly limited to proposals routed through Secretaries to Government and directed to place the guidelines before the Board of Directors.

3. Based on the above directions of the Government, necessary proposal has been placed before the 136th Board meeting of TNPDC held on 23.06.2026 for adopting the orders issued by the Government in Letters dated 01.08.2025 and 29.09.2025.

4. The Board has approved the proposal. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered as follows :-

- (i) The orders issued by the Government in Letter No.e1656/Finance (BPE)/2025, dated 01.08.2025 for constitution of Litigation Management Committee (LMC) as per the guidelines issued by Government/Finance (BPE) Department be adopted and a committee be constituted with the following Committee members :-

- Thiru G.Chinna Nagur, Legal Adviser be nominated as Chairperson (Law Officer) of Litigation Management Committee (LMC).
- Thiru E.S. Dhamodharan, Deputy Secretary/Miscellaneous be nominated as Member (Head of Human Resources) of Litigation Management Committee (LMC).

- Thiru P.Krishnasamy, Chief Financial Controller/ Regulatory Cell/TNPDCL be nominated as Member (Head of Finance) of Litigation Management Committee (LMC).

and

- (ii) The orders issued by the Government in Letter No.129/Finance (BPE)/ 2025, dated 29.09.2025 be adopted.

5. It is also ordered that, the Scope and Responsibilities of the Litigation Management Committee (LMC), Frequency of Meeting and Reporting and Implementation of Compliance are annexed to this proceedings.

(BY ORDER OF THE BOARD)

V.ARUN ROY
CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

To

The Secretary to Government (Expenditure)

Finance (BPE) Department, Secretariat/Chennai-9. (w.e.)

The Legal Adviser/Legal Cell/TNPDCL. (w.e.)

The Deputy Secretary/Miscellaneous/Secretariat Branch/TNPDCL. (w.e.)

The Chief Financial Controller/Regulatory Cell/TNPDCL. (w.e.)

Copy to:-

The Managing Director/TNPGCL. (w.e.)

The Managing Director/TNGECL. (w.e.)

The Managing Director/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Director/Technical/TNPGCL. (w.e.)

The Director/Distribution/TNPDCL. (w.e.)

The Director/Projects/TNPGCL. (w.e.)

The Director/Technical/TNGECL. (w.e.)

The Director/Transmission Projects/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Director/Finance/TNPDCL. (w.e.)

The Director/Finance/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Director/Finance/TNPGCL. (w.e.)

The Director/Finance/TNGECL. (w.e.)

The Director/Operation/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Director/Planning & Regulatory/Chennai. (w.e.)

All Chief Engineers/TNPDCL/TNPGCL/TNGECL/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Company Secretary/TNPDCL, TNPGCL, TNGECL, TANTRANSCO,

Udangudi Power Corporation Limited and TNEB Ltd. (w.e.)

(With reference to Item No.P3 of 136th Board meeting of TNPDCL

held on 23.06.2026.)

The Industrial Relations Adviser/TNPDCL. (w.e.)

All Chief Financial Controllers/TNPDCL/ TNPGCL/TNGECL/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Chief Internal Audit Officer/Audit Branch/Chennai. (w.e.)

The Resident Audit Officer. (w.e.)

All Superintending Engineers/TNPDCL/TNPGCL/TNGECL/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)

The Deputy Secretary/Personnel, Administration,
Vigilance and Miscellaneous/Secretariat Branch. (w.e.)
The Deputy Secretary/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)
The Private Secretary to Chairman and Managing Director/TNPDCL. (w.e.)
The Steno typist to Joint Managing Director/Finance/TNPDCL/TANTRANSCO. (w.e.)
The Steno typist to Additional Director General of Police/Vigilance/TNPDCL. (w.e.)
The Chamber of Secretary/TNPDCL. (w.e.)
All Officers/Sections/Secretariat Branch. (w.e.)
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S. Radhakrishnan
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE

SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE :

Reviewing the status of ongoing legal cases and all pending litigation on a fortnightly basis and assessing risks, exposure and urgency.

Devising appropriate legal strategies in consultation with Standing Counsels and legal advisors and working closely with Standing Counsels, legal advisors and consultants wherever required.

Recommending mid-course corrections where necessary, such as the filing of additional affidavits or inclusion of new grounds for strengthening the case, seeking early hearings or exploring settlement if feasible.

Identifying common legal issues across the Public Sector Undertaking and recommending policy-level improvements to prevent future litigation.

Monitoring compliance with court directions and timelines and tracking and ensuring timely compliance to avoid contempt or adverse orders.

Advising the management on policy or procedural changes to avoid recurring litigation.

Submitting a brief fortnightly report to the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer summarizing actions taken and strategic inputs.

Frequency of Meetings and Reporting :

The Litigation Management Committee shall meet at least once in every fortnight.

Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and maintained.

A brief summary of proceedings, along with key action points, shall be submitted to the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer for review.

Implementation of Compliance :

All Public Sector Undertakings and Statutory Boards shall be instructed to constitute the Litigation Management Committee within 30 days from the date of issue of the circular.

Compliance in this regard is mandatory and a compliance report confirming the constitution of the Committee and its first meeting shall be submitted to this Department within the stipulated period.

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SECTION OFFICER