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## TNERC to fix tariff for power from municipal solid waste

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) has proposed to fix tariff for electricity generated through Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and has invited suggestions for the same on its website.

The commission decided to come up with a tariff proposal for MSW power, as there is a potential for such electricity in the coming years and also to provide some direction to MSW power producers who connect the electricity to the grid, an official said.

“At present, there is no specified tariff fixed for this. Those who are generating electricity through municipal solid waste and connecting it to the grid are complaining about not being paid by Tangedco. Once we fix the tariff, the issue will be resolved,” a TNERC official told *The Hindu*.

A case filed by a private company seeking fixation of tariff for

2.90 MW power generated from Municipal Solid Waste is being heard by the TNERC. The TNERC, in its paper, has proposed to fix Rs. 5.79 per kWh with accelerated depreciation (AD) benefit and Rs.5.34 per kWh without the AD. The control period has been proposed for a period of two years and the tariff will be applicable for 20 years, as per the consultative paper posted on the site.

About seven other States and the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) have already proposed tariff for MSW. The tariff fixed thus would be applicable to all MSW-based power generating plants in the State commissioned on or after the date of issue of the order for sale of electricity to the distribution licensee, according to the paper.

The State Advisory Committee will deliberate on the comments received till August 11 before fixing the final tariff, the official said.

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