

Relevant Extracts related to Tariff Commission in the Annual Report of Department of IP&P for the year 2011-12

Tariff Commission

Tariff Commission came into existence on 2nd September 1997 with the mandate to evolve an overall tariff structure keeping in view the interests of various sections including producers, traders and consumers as also the international commitments.

The broad role & responsibilities encompassed in the Terms of Reference (TORs) as revised in September 1998 are as follows:

- a) To make recommendations as an expert body, on matters referred to it by Government regarding fixation of tariff and all tariff related issues in relation to trade in goods and services, keeping in view the interest of various sectors including production, trade and consumers and taking into the account the international commitments. The Commission should aim at rationalization.
- b) To study critical market access offers received from trading partners as part of WTO framework and to advise the Government on the opportunities and challenges generated by these offers (as per reference made by the Government).
- c) To make a detailed impact analysis on select sectors like textiles, agriculture, automobiles, information technology, chemicals, steel and engineering goods through a multi-disciplinary team.
- d) To examine the transition-period required for select industries and to recommend the gradual phasing out of the tariffs to facilitate the reform process as referred to it by the Government from time to time.
- e) To identify the tariffication process for select economic activities as referred by the Government from time to time.
- f) To monitor the tariff changes in the competing and trade-partner countries and maintain an inventory of tariff rates at a sufficiently detailed level.
- g) To carry out technical studies on cost of production of different goods and services and their competitiveness in relation to other countries.
- h) To render advice on issues referred to it by the Government on classification of goods, and products along with applicable tariff on such goods and products.
- i) To undertake such other tasks as may be assigned by the Government from time to time.
- j) To present an annual report to the Government of its activities.

The erstwhile Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices (BICP) was merged with the Tariff Commission on 1.4.1999. Presently, the Commission is headed by a Chairman of the rank of Secretary to Government of India, assisted by a full-time Member Secretary in the rank of Additional Secretary.

I Studies Completed During (2011- 2012)

Following studies have been completed during the year 2011-2012 (1 st April, 2011 to 31 st December, 2011)

1. Report on impact of reduction in current tariffs on skimmed milk powder/whole milk powder in Indian Dairy Industry as well as Indian Dairy farmers as per India's commitment to the WTO.
2. Report on Cost/price Study of Ammonium Sulphate.
3. Report on Impact of FTAs on Petrochemical and Plastic Industry.
4. Report on Impact of Reduction of Current Tariffs on Indian Poultry Industry as per Country's commitment to the WTO.
5. Report on Cost Piped Rural Water Supply from alternative safe drinking water source located at distant places.
6. Report on Determining additional compensation for Complex Fertilizers produced using captive Ammonia based Naphtha/Fuel oil/LSHS based stock under Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy.
7. Report on Impact of reduction in current tariffs on butter/butter oil on Indian dairy industry as well as Indian dairy farmers as per India's commitment to the WTO.

8. Report on Fee Structure of Dr. RML Hospital & PGMIER.
9. Report on Fee Structure of Rajkumari Amrit Kaur College of Nursing (RAKCON).
10. Report on Fee Structure of National Institute of Health and Family Welfare.
11. Report on Fee Structure of Lady Hardinge Medical College and SK Hospital.
12. Report on Diagnostic Study of Food Parks - Rai Food Park, Haryana.
13. Report on Diagnostic Study of Food Parks - Karkhiyon Food Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
14. Report on Diagnostic Study of Food Parks - Khunmoh Food Park, Sri nagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
15. Report on Fee Structure of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry.
16. Report on Fee Structure of All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata.
17. Report on Fee Structure of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore.
18. Report on Sectoral Impact of Chinese Import on the Competitiveness of domestic manufacturing industry particularly SSI - Footwear.
19. Report on Diagnostic Study of Food Parks- Shendra Food Park, Aurangabad.
20. Report on Diagnostic Study of Food Parks - Dimapur Food Park, Nagaland.
21. Report on Fee Structure of All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Mumbai.
22. Report on Study of the Analysis of Share of various Tariffs (Taxes, Fees of Govt.) In cost of construction of residential Apartments/ Houses in selected States/ UTs and Select Urban Local Bodies - North Zone.
23. Report on Effect of subsuming Electricity duty in the proposed Goods & Services Tax.
24. Consolidated Report on Diagnostic Study on Food Parks.
25. Report on Fee Structure of North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong.
26. Report on Fee Structure of Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh.
27. Report on Fee Structure of Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
28. Report on Revision of Second Stage Handling Charges and Branding Charges for the Jute Bags Procured by FCI & State Agencies.
29. Report on Study of the Analysis of Share of Various Tariffs (Taxes, Fees of Government) in cost of Construction of Residential Apartments/Houses in Selected States/ UTs and Select Urban Local Bodies - East Zone.
30. Report on fee structure of central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi.
31. Report on fee Structure of Vardhman Mahvir Medical College attached to Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi.
32. Report on India's need for critical Raw Materials-Zimbabwe as Potential Source.
33. Report on Study of the Analysis of Share of Various Tariffs (Taxes, Fees of Government) in cost of Construction of Residential Apartments/Houses in Selected States/ UTs and Select Urban Local Bodies - South Zone.
34. Consolidated Report on Fee Structure of Medical Institutes
35. Report on Study of Tyre Pricing
36. Report on Cost Based Study of Petroleum Products of National Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).
37. Report on Study on Radial Tyres.

II. Studies In progress (As on 31/12/2011)

- 1 . Study to arrive at the cost of production including normative cost of production of cement plant.
2. Study on Investigation into the cost structure of sugar industry.
3. Study and analyse the share of various tariffs (taxes and fees of Govt.) in cost of construction of residential apartments - Western Zone.
4. Study on examination of tariff structure of sports goods and equipments.
5. Study on the Realistic Cost/Price of various types of pipes used in rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes in seven states: AP, HP, Guj, TN, WB, UP and KTK.
6. Study for review of normative milling charges for raw and par boiled rice in various states.
7. Study on economics of fodder crops cultivation viz-a-viz other grain/cash crops like wheat, rice, sugarcane.
8. Study on Determination of State-wise average cost of Transmission including technical and non-technical loses - Northern region.
9. Study on Impact of Power Sector Reforms on financial Health of the Distribution companies and their respective payment capability for the next five years- Northern region.
10. Study on Impact of power sector reforms on financial Health of the Distribution companies and their respective payment capability for the next five year southern region.
11. Study on Determination of State-wise average cost of Transmission including technical and non-technical loses southern region.
12. Pricing of B-twill jute bag.
13. FCI Rice-Transportation bag.
14. Study on Determination of State-wise average cost of Transmission including technical and non-technical loses-Western region.
15. Study on Determination of state-wise average cost of Transmission including technical and non-technical loses-Eastern region.
16. Study on Impact of Power Reforms on financial Health Distribution companies and respective payment capability next five year - Eastern region.
17. Study on impact of change in royalty rates of coal and lignite on thermal power generation tariff in addition of tariff based bidding for allotment.
18. Study on Impact of Power Sector Reforms on financial Health of the Distribution companies and their respective payment capability for the next five year- Western region.
19. Study on Decentralized Distribution Generation (DDG) Tariff.
20. Study on Comparative study of open access changes in distribution and recommendation of optimum tariff for open access
21. Study on Benchmark distribution margins for bidding out distribution services for privatization of distribution
22. Impact of delay in release of funds to the States for Afforestation-A time series analysis.
23. Impact of taxation on Minor Forest Produce to the Local communities.
24. Impact of Certification on cost benefit ratio of handicraft items exported from India.
25. Study on Interventions through Joint Forest Management on livelihood improvement and increase in purchasing power of local communities.
26. Study on quantum, value and type of bio-resources exported from India.

27. Cost price study of fixation of selling price of various bulk drugs/alkaloids produced by Government factories at Neemuch & Ghazipur for the financial year 2012-13 onwards.
28. Realistic cost/price of Pregnancy Detection Kit for 2009-10 supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. To Govt. of India.
30. Realistic cost/price of Pregnancy Detection Kit for 2010-11 supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. To Govt. of India.
31. Study on States/District wise tariff rates (per Tonne per KM) for Himachal Pradesh and North-Eastern States including Jammu & Kashmir.
32. Comparative performance of Bio-pesticides & bio-fertilizers with their chemical counterparts in terms of usage, efficiency & cost effectiveness.
33. Economics of utilization of bio-resources (medicinal & aromatic plants) in the State of Punjab.
34. Socio-economic impact of BT cotton in Punjab.
35. Database economic contribution of biotech. Pharmaceutical & health care industry to Indian economy.
35. Successful commercial models adopted by Self-Help Groups for livelihood generation & sustainability.

III. Other Activities

Other activities being taken by the Commission during the year are as under:-

- (a) Strengthening of database for monitoring global trade & policies trends of goods & services as also WTO issues.
- (b) Providing real-time information on the website of the Tariff Commission including requisite disclosures under Right to Information Act, 2005.
- (c) Continuous training of employees on emerging trade and industry aspects as also fast changing organizational concepts/techniques.
- (d) Modernization cum updating of library and documentation facilities to enable the organization to deal effectively with its mandate
- (e) Sustainably ensure state-of-the-art infrastructure computer network infrastructure for e-functioning.