

Relevant Extracts related to Tariff Commission in the Annual Report of Department of IP&P for the year (2010-11)

The 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 of the Commission encompassed in the Terms of References (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 interests of various sectors including producers, trade and consumers and taking into the account the international commitments .
- (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 to 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 the Government of India, assisted by full-time Member Secretary in the rank of Additional Secretary.

I Studies Completed (Eight)

Following studies have been completed during the year 2010-2011 (1st April, 2010 to 31st December, 2010)

- i. Port Tariff Regulation - phase I
- ii. Rationalization of sugar zone
- iii. Road transportation rates for Fertilizers
- iv. Study to arrive at the cost of production including normative cost of production of cement plant
- v. Study to arrive at the cost of production including normative cost of production of two cement plants in Himachal Pradesh
- vi. Report on cost of constructing various types of Toilets
- vii. Report on sectoral impact of Chinese imports on the competitiveness of domestic manufacturing industry particularly SSI - Dry Battery Cell
- viii. Report on socio economic impact of the occurrence of the Avian Influenza in West Bengal, Tripura, Sikkim and Assam on Poultry .

II Studies at the advance stage of completion (Sixteen)

- i. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2008-09 - Condoms
- ii. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2008-09 - Oral Contraceptive Pills (OCPs)
- iii. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2008-09 - Copper - T
- iv. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2008-09 - Tubal Rings
- vi. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2009-10 - Condoms
- vii. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2009-10 - Oral Contraceptive Pills (OCP)
- viii. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by

M/s HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) during the year 2009-10- Tubal Rings

- ix. Study on impact of reduction in current tariffs on skimmed milk powder/whole milk powder, butter and butter oil on Indian Dairy Industry
- x. Study on Determination of Prices for various contraceptives supplied by M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd.(HLL) during the year 2009-10 - E-Pills
- xi. Assessment of Food Parks (Bagalkot, Karnataka)
- xii. Assessment of Food Parks (Mallapuram and Ador, Kerala)
- xiii. Assessment of Food Parks (Maneri, Distt. Mandla, M.P.)
- xiv. Report on the pricing structure of Iodized Branded Salt (vacuum & refined) vis-a-vis unbranded salt
- xv. Report on India's need for critical raw materials long term demand projections and identification of source countries In Asia, Africa and Latin America
- xvi. Cost price study on Single Super Phosphate

III Studies in progress (Thirty three)

- 1. Cost Price Study on Ammonium Sulphate
- 2. Cost of Piped Rural Water Supply (phase- II)
- 3. Cost based study of petroleum products of the national oil marketing companies
- 4. Pricing of B-twill Jute bag
- 5. Determination of quantum of additional subsidy in addition to nutrient based subsidy given by the Deptt. of Fertilizer admissible to three fertilizer companies namely, GNVFC, FACT and MFL
- 6. Study on impact of various FTAs on Chemical Industries comprising of organic chemicals, inorganic chemicals, dyestuffs & Pesticides
- 7. Study on the effect of Subsuming Electricity Duty in the Proposed GST
- 8. Study on Impact of slowdown on export dependent industries - leather

9. Study on Impact of slowdown on export dependent industries - textiles
10. Study and analyse the share of various tariffs (taxes and fees of Govt.) in cost of construction of residential apartments
11. Study on Fee Structure for Medical Education in Central Government Institutions
12. Study for review of normative milling charges for raw and par boiled rice in various states
13. Study on Impact of slowdown on export dependent industries gems and jewellery
14. Assessment of Food Parks (Rai, Distt. Sonipat, Haryana)
15. Assessment of Food Parks(Sangvi, District Satara, Shendra and Aurangabad Maharashtra)
16. Assessment of Food Parks (Ukhrul, Manipur)
17. Assessment of Food Parks (kharkian, Distt. Varanasi, U.P.)
18. Assessment of Food Parks (Dankuni, Distt. Hugli, West Bengal)
19. Study on all aspect of Radial Tyres
20. Studies on Port tariff and tariff related issues Phase-II
21. Study on impact of reduction in current tariffs on Indian Poultry Industry
22. FCI Rice - Transportation rates
23. Study on Investigation into the cost structure of sugar industry
25. Study on Impact of Power Sector Reforms on financial Health of the Distribution companies and their respective payment capability for the next five years Study on Determination on Mine-wise Cost of Coal
26. Study on impact of change in royalty rates of coal and lignite on thermal power generation tariff in addition to tariff based bidding for allotment
27. Study on Determination of State-wise average cost of Transmission including technical and non-technical losses

28. Study on Decentralised Distribution Generation (DDG) Tariff
29. Study on Comparative study of open access charges in distribution and recommendation of optimum tariff for open assess.
30. Study on Benchmark distribution margins for bidding out distribution services for privatization of distribution
31. Study on arrive at the cost of production including normative cost of production of cement plant
32. Study on the realistic cost/price study of pricing structure of tyres
33. Study on the Realistic Cost/Price of various types of pipes used in rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes

IV Other Activities

Other activities undertaken 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.
- (e) Continuous training of employees on emerging trade and industry aspects as also fast changing organizational concepts/ techniques.
- (d) Modernization cum updation of library and documentation facilities to enable the organization to deal effectively with its mandate
- (e) Sustainably ensure the state of the art computer network infrastructure for e-functioning.