

**Part A**  
**Category 24 Drama Theatres**

**1. Usage as Background Sound at Entry and Exit**

**1.1** This tariff is applicable for theatres, when background sound recordings are used as ambient music during the entry and exit of audiences and during.

**1.2** License fee shall be calculated at the following rates

**Rs. 10 per Sq. Ft. with a minimum fee of Rs. 15,000 per outlet per annum**

**1.3** This tariff excludes playing of sound recordings selected by, or played in conjunction, with the producer of any theatrical production as entry/exit or interval music, which is promotional for, or directly linked to the content or nature of the theatrical production. Such use shall be subjected to separate licence as per tariff.

**2. Usage as Part of Drama**

**2.1** This tariff is applicable of the public use of sound recordings solely during the action of theatrical productions and for on-stage or off-stage effects.

**2.2** License fee shall be calculated at the following rates.

Ticket Price upto Rs. 500	Rs. 2,000/- per performance per show
Ticket Price Rs. 501 - 1000	Rs. 4,000/- per performance per show
Ticket Price more than Rs. 1000	Rs. 8,000/- per performance per show
Non - Ticketed	Rs. 1,000/- per performance per show

**2.3** Fee is multiplied by the number of performances.

**2.4** When recording is involved, the applicant must also obtain the prior written permission of the record companies concerned.

**3.** Additional use of background music in the areas like bars/restaurants/shops/any commercial establishment, to be charged separately using the appropriate tariff.

**4.** The different parts or areas of the licensed premises may require distinct recorded music selections to maintain appropriate ambiance and cater to the specific needs of each area. For each area within the licensed premises where different recorded music selections are played, a separate Licence need to be obtained.

**5.** Due to a significant increase in membership and content, with PPL now managing over 7 million+ sound recordings (a 100% increase in the past four years), an adjustment in tariffs was found necessary. The revised fees ensure fair compensation for the expanded repertoire, while still offering very reasonable rates for access to PPL's vast and diverse music library.

6. The revised tariffs are partially designed to support PPL's members in fulfilling their financial obligations to ISAMRA ensuring that PPL's members can continue to pay ISAMRA for Performers' Rights, thereby preventing any additional fees or legal actions against PPL's licensees by ISAMRA. This tariff adjustment is solely for the financial support of PPL's members and does not constitute a charge for the exploitation of ISAMRA's rights.

## 7. General Terms

7.1 This tariff category is subject to the general rules and guidelines set forth in the Preamble of the Tariff Scheme, which must be followed meticulously. The licensee is advised to carefully review the Preamble and ensure compliance with its provisions at all times while availing the rates prescribed under this tariff category.

7.2 This Tariff applies to the Public Performance of Music at the premises either for staff members or for general public by any mechanical or electronic device, including radio, television (for playing standalone sound recordings), record/CD/tape players and digital music service by way of Background Music.

7.3 The above tariff is for Background Music only. A Background Licence is not valid for any Event (e.g. Shows, promotions, product launches, fashion shows, DJ parties, New Year Events etc.). For all events / shows organized in the said category a separate Event Licence has to be obtained. For Events Licence refer Event Categories.

7.4 The above tariff is based on the declarations made by licensees about the usage of the copyrighted sound recordings controlled by PPL India. These declarations have been adopted in good faith which if found incorrect, shall invite the recovery of additional fees towards damages.

7.5 Non-Compliant licensees who seek to regularize past infringements/violations/breach of PPL India's rights and licences (including non-compliance with agreements, usage without clearance, litigations etc.) additional fees towards damages over the existing Tariff shall be applied at the discretion of the company.

**8. The above Tariff comes into force from 01st September, 2023.**