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Subject: Minutes of the 9th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held on 12.10.2015 at New Delhi – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 9th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOSP (I/C) on 12.10.2015 at New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

Encl: as above.



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Minutes of the 9th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting of Ministry of Power held on 12th October 2015 at SCOPE Convention Centre, SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The 9th RPM meeting was conducted on 12th Oct. 2015 wherein senior officials from Ministry of Power, CPSUs, CEA, representatives from State Govt. and Discoms participated. Hon'ble Ministry of State (I/C) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy also graced the occasion by his presence in the meeting. The list of participants is enclosed as **Annexure**.

2. Broad agenda was briefed by Addl. Secretary, MoP which mainly included DDUGJY, IPDS, Smart Grid, PFA etc. He highlighted the review of Village Electrification programme by Cabinet Secretary on 24.09.2015 and reiterated that weekly report is being sent to PMO for review and requested States to put in concerted efforts to achieve the goal within timelines.

3. Secretary, Ministry of Power, in his opening remarks, stressed upon the importance of ownership of village electrification programme and urged all States to leave no stone unturned to ensure electrification of all remaining un-electrified villages by 31st March 2017.

4. Electrification of un-electrified villages under DDUGJY

ED, REC elaborated the strategy and action plan formulated in consultation with States to ensure electrification of remaining un-electrified villages in 730 days i.e. by 31st March 2017. The Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) have been appointed at block/district levels for field inspections and updating the milestone based progress of each village through Mobile App. The Mobile App 'Grameen Vidyutikaran' has been made functional and can be downloaded from 'Google Play Store'.

The amendments in DDG guidelines as approved by the Monitoring Committee for electrification of off-grid villages and the strategy for electrification of households through Standalone Solar System being finalized in consultation with MNRE were also discussed. The salient points are as under:

Amendments in DDG guidelines approved by the Monitoring Committee

- Funding pattern in line with DDUGJY i.e. 85%/60% subsidy for special category States / Other States
- Additional 15%/5% subsidy for special category States / Other States on timely completion of projects
- Release of 90% payment till commissioning and 10% after 6 months, 5 years sustainability ensured through 20% Bank Guarantee
- Pre-Qualifying Criteria revised to ensure participation of maximum bidders
- Possibility to be explored for electrifying the villages through off-grid by Private/ Public participation

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- To provide Standalone system if :-
 - Cost of electrification per HH is more than 1 lakh
 - No. of Households in the habitation is less than 16
 - Length of LT line per HH > 200 meters

Strategy for Stand Alone Solar Systems being finalized with MNRE

- About 1900 villages to be electrified through standalone mainly in Arunachal Pradesh (1000 villages), Assam (450) etc. covering about 25000 HHs
- Stand-alone system may include 2 LED (7 watt), 2 LED (3 watt), one DC fan (14 watt), one mobile charging point and one socket of 25 watt etc
- Lithium ferro phosphate battery to be used
- Street light (6 watt LED) stand-alone system (one street light in 5 HHs)
- To cover village institution like panchayat bhawan, school, health centre
- Stand-alone Solar Pumping system including water tank, pipe, pump etc.
- Capacity, Cost , Technical Specifications are being finalized with MNRE
- SECI to prepare the tender document to procure the required no. of Standalone systems
- Suppliers/ developers to supply, install, commission & maintain the stand alone system for 5 years
- Suppliers to collect the nominal tariff (say Rs.30 per month) from HHs
- SECI may appoint one attendant/ operator to for every 100 HHs
- Monitoring through mobile phone sms : Features built in Standalone system
- MNRE may also conduct social engineering to educate people about the stand alone system

5. JS (Dist.) emphasized that acceptability of States is important to ensure consensus amongst States and Center. He requested States' view on standalone system for village electrification.

6. Principal Secretary (Energy), Rajasthan mentioned that upfront subsidy is provided to households for procurement of Standalone systems in their State and so far no tariff is collected. However, in the proposed model, since the systems shall be installed by the Govt. and beneficiaries should be willing to pay monthly tariff. Chairman, WBSEDCL, West Bengal mentioned that the system installed in Sunderbans area posed problem in long term due to lack

