ED (IPDS) visited Varanasi on 17th May 2016 to review the progress of field activities going on in Old Kashi area. The salient points of the visit are as under-

- ED (IPDS) visited the areas near Raj sweet house (Kabir Nagar site), Sunbeam road (Kabir Nagar site), Vankhandi Mahadev heritage road site, Ravindrapuri site and Bhainsasur ghat heritage road site and reviewed the progress of underground cabling works.
- ED (IPDS) also interacted with local people at all the locations. The response from local residents about the work progress was good and they confirmed that prior information about the work plan is being shared by the executing agencies.
- ED (IPDS) also inspected the areas where backfilling of trenches has been done at Sunbeam road-Kabir Nagar area and appreciated the re-laid work. She directed to PGCIL/KEI to handover the roads to VMC for road restoration activities at the earliest.
- ED (IPDS) motivated the Varanasi team and expressed satisfaction over deployment of approx. 490 nos. of manpower. She further directed PGCIL/KEI to ensure that all basic amenities viz. canopy/umbrella, drinking water and safety equipment are available at site locations.
- ED (IPDS) stressed upon to complete the work within stipulated timelines i.e. Dec’2016 and urged all stakeholders to co-operate with their best efforts and stick to plan.
- ED (IPDS) also had a Meeting with Hon’ble Mayor in which he appreciated that no complaints of damage to utilities etc. has been received by VMC, on account of on-going IPDS works and the work is progressing at smooth pace. He also informed that road cutting approvals for 13 sections have been issued by VMC and requested that the weekly plan of works should also be shared with him in addition to current practise of sharing with Chief Engineer (VMC).
- PGCIL apprised Hon’ble Mayor that a report on proposed plan/timelines of works at Manikarnika Ghat shall be submitted within a week after detailed examination.