Report on Varanasi visit by Ms Radhika Jha, ED(IPDS), on 5th April 2016

1. Ms Radhika Jha, IAS, ED (IPDS) reviewed the progress of IPDS works at Varanasi on 5th April 2016. She reviewed the ongoing works during the site visit to 33KV Substations at Kashi, and Alaipur. ED (IPDS) also visited the Kabir nagar site where underground cabling works were supposed to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister.

2. ED (IPDS) also had discussions with Municipal Commissioner, MD-PuVVNL and the entire PGCIL, PFC, PuVVNL and KEI team with the overall objective to finish atleast 90% of the IPDS cabling works by 2016 with best quality and precision.

3. ED (IPDS) directed Powergrid to expedite the finalisation of survey and BOQ and submission of micro level road cutting planning to VMC at the earliest. POWERGRID committed to submit the same by 15th April 2016.

4. ED (IPDS) directed Powergrid/ KEI to take up IEC activities at all working sites in a big way. She directed Powergrid to install caution boards, proper barricading, display boards indicating advantages of the underground cabling works and use of proper safety gadgets at site. Powergrid conformed to comply with the same within 3 days.

5. ED (IPDS) also interacted with local people wherein site activities are under progress and directed POWERGRID/KEI to have personal interaction and local involvement of the people so that people understand the advantages of the scheme and support accordingly.

6. ED (IPDS) also directed Powergrid/ KEI to install boards showcasing work progress at site/prominent places to make people aware about the status of works at site.

7. ED (IPDS) interacted with the safety manager of KEI and directed to ensure safety of not only the workers at site but also local people at site. She also directed Powergrid/ KEI to comply with relevant labour laws and other applicable laws/ safety guidelines.

8. ED (IPDS) also directed Powergrid to expedite the supply of Power Transformers and other materials so that works of augmentation /Additional transformers may be expedited.

9. ED (IPDS) also had telephonic discussions with Divisional Commissioner (Varanasi) and Hon'ble Mayor regarding facilitation of statutory clearances for IPDS works.

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