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To

1. Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries (Power/Energy) to all States.
2. CMDs & MDs of all DISCOMs in all States/UTs.
3. CMD, REC, New Delhi
4. CMD, PFC, New Delhi
5. CMD NTPC, Core 7, SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110001
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Subject: Minutes of the Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting of Ministry of Power with all States/UTs held on 5.10.2017 under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Power (Independent Charge) with Secretaries (Power/Energy) and CMDs & MDs of all States/UTs in New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose the Minutes of the Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting of Ministry of Power with all States/UTs held on 5.10.2017 under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Power (Independent Charge) in New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

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1. PS to Hon’ble MoSP (IC)
2. PPS to Secretary (Power).
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Minutes of Review, Planning and Monitoring meeting of Ministry of Power with Secretaries (Power/Energy) of States and CMDs/MDs of DISCOMs held on 5th October, 2017 at New Delhi.

Review Meeting of Ministry of Power with Secretaries (Power/Energy) of States and CMDs/MDs of DISCOMs was held under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble MOS(PIC) on 5th October, 2017 at New Delhi. The list of the participants is at Annex.

1.1 Dr A.K. Verma, Joint Secretary(Dist.), Ministry of Power (MoP) welcomed the Hon’ble Minister for State (I/C) for Power and New &Renewable Energy, Secretary, Ministry of Power, CMDs of REC, PFC, NTPC, State Energy Secretaries, Chairmen/MDs of the Power Utilities & other officers and outlined the agendas of the Meeting. He requested the States/Discoms for electrification of Villages and Households particularly in the light of the launch of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAuBhaGYa), the scheme for Universal Household Electrification, by the Hon’ble Prime Minister on 25th September 2017.

1.2 Secretary (Power) in his remarks highlighted the need for timely completion of village electrification programme and the efforts to be taken up by the States/Discoms in furtherance of household electrification. Secretary Power briefed the role of SAuBhaGYa in improving the lives of the people while taking the electricity to each and every corner of the country.

1.3 In his opening address, Hon’ble Minister indicated that electricity plays a key role in economic development of the country and the country now has sufficient generation capacity. Hon’ble Minister outlined the improvements that are broadly required in Distribution Sector particularly in light of the deliverables required from the States in line with their commitment under ‘24x7 Power for All (PFA)’. Hon’ble Minister asked the States to devise and adopt all suitable measures in supplying quality and reliable power to the countrymen. Hon’ble Minister emphasized the requirement of improvement in collection efficiency and adoption of smart meters/prepaid meters in improving the operational efficiency of the Discoms. Hon’ble Minister further urged States to meticulously plan and complete electrification of all remaining un-electrified villages by December 2017.

2.0 Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)

2.1 REC made a presentation on DDUGJY covering village electrification, award of balance un-electrified villages & progress of new projects. During the deliberation, following points emerged:

2.1.1 14 States having 2888 balance un-electrified villages and all these States have agreed to ensure 100% villages electrification by December 2017 except some villages in Chhattisgarh
located in LWE affected areas. Hon’ble Minister asked the State and CSPDCL to take the assistance of CRPF/paramilitary force in execution of projects in naxal prone areas.

2.1.2 In Jammu and Kashmir, out of 100 un-electrified villages, JKPDD along with Powergrid Corporation have been implementing 46 villages through conventional grid systems. There are 54 villages located in difficult hilly areas of Kishtwar, Kupwara, Bandipore, Leh and Kargil Districts and the State proposed for electrification of these villages through off-grid solutions and at a later stage to extend grid to these villages. Secretary Power asked the State to send proposal to this effect for examination by REC.

2.1.3 Manipur Discom mentioned that due to grid limitations 28 villages have been recently shifted for electrification through off-grid solutions and may take the assistance of various agencies like MANIREDA, IIT Chennai, etc.

2.1.4 Arunachal Pradesh should request Advocate General of State to explain the urgency of village electrification and get the issue resolved at the earliest.

2.1.5 Out of 636 sanctioned projects, award has been placed for 504 projects and award yet to be placed for 132 projects and the States concerned have been asked to ensure award these 132 un-awarded projects latest by Nov, 2017. Assam has assured to award all works by NOV-2017, Haryana by 15-NOV-2017 & Punjab by 31-OCT-2017.

2.1.6 Under going XI & XII plan projects, out of 5.94 Lakh villages sanctioned for intensive electrification, works have been completed in 4.39 Lakh villages (74%). The States concerned have been advised to complete intensive electrification in balance villages by March, 2018, as they are required to be done for completing targets of household electrifications.

2.2 Other points:
For expediting faster implementation of works and completing within stipulated timeline, following were observed:

2.2.1 Fortnightly submission of MIS to be ensured by all States on 5th and 20th day of every month.
2.2.2 States to furnish fortnightly targets to REC/MoP and progress be reported accordingly.
2.2.3 States to call meeting of all contractors and fix fortnightly targets.
2.2.4 Under DDUGJY, all States to furnish BOQ as per award vis-à-vis sanctioned quantities.
2.2.5 J&K, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh & Rajasthan States to complete intensive electrification of villages sanctioned under RE component by July, 2018 and remaining States by April, 2018.
2.2.6 REC to examine GST issue arising out of already awarded projects.
2.2.7 States to move for Smart Meters/Pre-paid meters and where procurement yet to be done, the States should procure Smart Meters/Pre-paid Meters.

2.2.8 States to ensure digital payments through mobile by end of Nov. 2017.

2.2.9 To the suggestion of some States that bulk procurement of Smart Meters may reduce the cost, Hon Minister advised MoP to analyze the same with EESL.

3.0 Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAuBHaGYa)

3.1 Sh. Kamlesh Mishra, Director (RE), Ministry of Power made a presentation on SAuBHaGYa – the scheme for Universal Electrification detailing on the structure, objective, salient features, funding pattern, approach towards completion of household electrification by December 2018. For speedy implementation of SAuBHaGYa, the following suggestions were made by the States:

3.2 Rajasthan

3.2.1 About 4-5 lakh households may be residing in Dhanis/hamlets in a small group of 5-10 households away from main villages and extending grid to such hamlets may cost higher than the provisions in the scheme. Standalone systems may be provided to such households. The cost may be lesser than grid extensions.

3.3 Maharashtra

3.3.1 Timeline is too aggressive.

3.3.2 DPRs may not be required and funds may be released on the basis of GARV data.

3.3.3 In some areas, cost may be more than provisions in the scheme.

3.4 Tamilnadu

3.4.1 State scheme of release of connection in one day worked well.

3.4.2 Decision to obtain NOC for the Households in Government land needs to be taken.

3.5 Madhya Pradesh

3.5.1 Release of connections to scattered households in hamlets away from main village may cost more. There may be about 2.5 to 3 lakh such households.

3.5.2 DPRs may be simple based on GARV data.

3.5.3 Partial turnkey mode may be suitable

3.5.4 Initially, connections may be released without meters and meters may be installed later.
3.5.5 Missed call route should not be adopted for identification of beneficiaries.
3.5.6 Chief Secretary level Committee in the State will do.

3.6 Kerala
3.6.1 Simplification of process like application form and documentation etc. helped them to release 1.5 lakh connections in 6 month time.
3.6.2 In Kerala, MLAs also contributed funds for electrification of households.
3.6.3 Requirement of assistance under Corporate CSR funds.
3.6.4 Institutional mechanism for monitoring should be headed by Chief Minister.

3.7 J&K
3.7.1 Unit cost may be higher in some areas with hilly / difficult terrain.
3.7.2 Standalone systems may be provided
3.7.3 Whether connections to be released to households in forest areas also?

3.8 Bihar
3.8.1 DPRs can be furnished after survey at alter stage. Initially, funds may be released based on GARV data.
3.8.2 Cost may be ranging from Rs. 3000 to 5000 per household
3.8.3 Existing DDUGJY specification may be used and left to States for making modifications as per their needs.
3.8.4 Neutral wire not available in old lines and need to drawn.
3.8.5 Simultaneously, metering of existing un-metered connections should also be taken up by States.
3.8.6 PMA required for 100% verification with responsibility to ensure issuing of 1st bill.
3.8.7 Mobile App should be used. For Bihar, NIC has developed the App which can be provided to other States with minor customization.

3.9 Uttar Pradesh
3.9.1 Presently 2 Lakh connections being released per month.
3.9.2 Funds may be released @Rs.4500 per connection on the basis of certification by State Government and sample quality verification may be done.
3.9.3 Execution may be carried out through amendment of existing contracts.
3.9.4 Villages may be categorized (i) Where infra already exists and only connections need to be released (ii) Left out habitations where infrastructure needs to be created (iii) Old electrified villages
3.9.5 Metering has to be done simultaneously

3.10 Odisha
3.10.1 Existing contracts can be amended on case-to-case basis keeping in view the rates and terms & conditions
3.10.2 Backup infra also need to be augmented to meet increase in demand due to electrification of remaining households

3.11 Chhattisgarh
3.11.1 State scheme can be dovetailed for additional resources
3.11.2 Standalone systems may be funded under MNRE scheme also.

4.0 Secretary (Power) appreciated the views of the States.

5.0 Concluding the meeting, Hon’ble MoSP (IC) advised the States to take all concerted efforts to complete village electrification by December 2017 and Household electrification by December 2018 so as to achieve Power For All and also bring in development in the lives of the people.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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List of Participants in the RPM Meeting held on 05.10.2017 at New Delhi

In the Chair: Shri Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of State (I/C) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India

- **MoP**
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  2. Ms. Shalini Prasad, Addl. Secretary
  3. Dr. A.K Verma, Joint Secretary
  4. Shri K. K. Mishra, PS to Hon’ble MoSP (I/c)
  5. Shri Vishal Kapoor, Director (IPDS)
  6. Shri G. Swan Lian, US (IPDS)

- **CEA**
  1. Shri R. K. Verma, Chairperson
  2. Shri Mangal Hembram, CE

- **REC**
  3. Dr. P V Ramesh, CMD
  4. Shri S K Gupta, Director(Tech.)
  5. Shri Sunil Kumar, ED (DDUGJY)
  6. Shri T.S.C. Bosh, ED (DDUGJY)
  7. Shri G.S. Bhati, ED (DDUGJY)
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  9. Shri D K Gupta, DGM
  10. Smt. Thara Ramesh, DGM
  11. Shri S.C. Garg, CPM, Itanagar
  12. Shri Santosh Kr Sahu, Odisha State Nodal Officer
  13. Shri Hemant Kumar, CPM, Patna
  14. Shri P P Singh, CPM, Guwahati
  15. Shri Pradeep Fellow, CPM, Raipur
  16. Shri Debasish Mitra, CPM, Bhopal
  17. Shri R.L. Saikia, CPM, Manipur

- **PFC**
  1. Shri Rajeev Sharma, CMD, PFC
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15. Shri Ankur Jain, Manager, PFC
16. Shri Kuldeep, DM, PFC
17. Kamalpreet, PFC
18. Shri Neeraj Singh, PFC
19. Shri Sanjesh Kumar, Mgr, PFC
20. Shri Madhurima Kumar, DM

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2. Shri Rajesh Kumar, ED
3. Shri S.K. Palit, GM

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2. Shri B.K. Rai, DVC

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