Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the Government of India have recently approved the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) for rural and urban areas respectively. While DDUGJY aims at feeder separation, strengthening of sub-transmission & distribution networks, metering at all level in the rural areas and village electrification as per approved guidelines, the IPDS aims at strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network, metering of distribution transformers/feeders/consumers in the urban areas and IT enablement of distribution sector. The underlying objective of these schemes is to ensure uninterrupted and reliable energy access to all. Detailed guidelines of these schemes require, inter-alia, consultation with public representatives including Members of Parliament and each Utility has to furnish a certificate to this effect while submitting DPRs to the Nodal Agency.

2. To institutionalize the system of consultation with public representatives, it is felt imperative that a District Level Committee be made functional in which the public representatives are actively engaged throughout the life cycle of the project from its formulation to execution and regular monitoring.

3. Accordingly, it is requested that each State/UT should immediately notify a “District Electricity Committee” to review and monitor the implementation of all Central schemes in the power sector with the following composition:-

(i) Senior most MP of the district - Chairperson
(ii) Other MPs - Co-chairpersons
(iii) District Collector - Convenor
(iv) District Panchayat President/Sabhapati - Member
(v) MLAs of the district - Members
(vi) Senior most representatives of CPSUs of Power, Coal and NRE Ministry if located in the concerned district - Members
(vii) CE/Superintending Engineer of the Discom concerned - Member Secretary

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The Committee will meet at least once in 3 months at the District headquarters. The Committee shall be consulted in the preparation of DPRs under DDUGJJ and IPDS and would monitor the implementation of these schemes. The Committee would also review the quality of power supply and consumer satisfaction and would promote energy efficiency and energy conservation. Minutes of the meeting will be issued by the Convenor.

4. It will be the responsibility of the Member Secretary to ensure that requisite meetings take place and a quarterly report is sent to the Nodal Agency i.e. REC & PFC as the case may be.

5. Therefore, I solicit your personal intervention in the matter so as to constitute and operationalise the above Committee on a priority basis.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(B.N. Sharma)

To

Addl.Chief Secretaries(Energy)/Principal Secretaries(Energy)/Secretaries(Energy) of all States/UTs.

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