To

The Chairman & Managing Director,
Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.,
Core-IV, Scope Complex,
New Delhi – 110 003.

Dated 23rd September, 2019

Subject: Review, Planning & Monitoring (RPM) meeting with Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Power/Energy) and CMDs and MDs of DISCOMs of all States/UTs under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble MOSP(I/C) – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble MOSP(I/C) on 21.08.2019 at New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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3. Chairperson, CEA, Sewa Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. CMDs of NTPC, PGCIL, DVC.
5. CMDs/MDs of all DISCOMs
6. MD, EESL.

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   ii. CMD, PFC, Urjanidhi 1, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi.

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   ii. PPS to Secretary (P) / PPS to SS(SNS).
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Minutes of Review Planning and Monitoring meeting of Ministry of Power with Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Power/Energy) along with CMDs/MDs of DISCOMs of States/UTs held on 21st August, 2019 at New Delhi.

The Review Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, on 21st August, 2019 and was attended by officials from the Ministry of Power, State Government(s), representatives from PFC, REC, NTPC, PGCIL etc. and other state utilities.

1.1. Secretary, Ministry of Power welcomed Hon’ble Minister, Energy Secretaries of the States, MDs of Discoms & other dignitaries. Secretary, Power complimented all the States for appreciable progress under DDUGJY & Saubhagya. Secretary, Power emphasized the need of furthering Power Sector Reforms.

1.2. ED/REC made detailed presentation on DDUGJY and Saubhagya including progress on Feeder segregation, Feeder Metering and status of hours of power supply.

2. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY GRAM JYOTI YOJANA (DDUGJY)

2.1. Progress Review

It was informed that 65% progress has been achieved under DDUGJY. 160 projects have been completed as on date, 100 projects will be completed by Sept, 2019, another 163 projects by Dec, 2019 and balance 221 projects expected to spill over beyond December, 2019. As per guidelines, all projects were expected to be completed by 31st March, 2019 (30 months from Sept., 2016). The states having low progress need to expedite execution of works for early completion.

2.1.1. Odisha requested to allow inter-component and inter-district re-distribution of Items within the overall sanction cost of the State. State was advised to submit details of modifications made by them in sanctioned components of scheme and sanctioned Bill of Quantities (BOQ) while implementation of sanctioned projects with the approval of SLSC. The details of final BOQ with cost to be submitted to REC for consideration. REC after due examination need to obtain approval of Monitoring Committee.

2.1.1.1. Odisha was asked to release excess awarded amount of Rs 1,460.72 Cr to NTPC & Powergrid for completion of balance works under XII plan projects. Around Rs 782 Crore (Rs 437 Crore for Powergrid and Rs 345 Crore for NTPC) is committed liability. State Secretary assured that excess awarded amount as per tripartite agreement shall be paid to Powergrid and NTPC. It was also informed that an amount of Rs 1,000 crore has been provided for in the state budget. They are in the process of drawing it and it shall be released to them soon.

2.1.2. Jammu & Kashmir: Regarding lesser awarded quantities of various components vis-a-vis sanctioned, state explained that award quantities have been restricted within the total sanctioned cost.
2.1.3. **Arunachal Pradesh**: Award of Tirap Project is delayed due to pending matter in the Supreme Court of India.

2.1.4. **Bihar** requested to release last 10% instalment against Bank Guarantee of equivalent amount. State to submit proposal in this regard to REC for consideration.

2.1.5. **Andaman & Nicobar** to start the work expeditiously as sanctioned.

2.1.6. **Assam** was requested to update the progress in Portal regularly. State to send the proposal, regarding savings if any, for consideration and works to be completed by March, 2020.

2.1.7. **Jharkhand** informed that in Chatra district, pending left over works by DVC are being executed departmentally.

2.2. **Closure of RE projects**:
2.2.1. REC presented that out of 686 projects sanctioned under XI, XI-II & XII Plan, 91 projects are still ongoing and Closure proposals of 189 projects are to be submitted by the States.

2.3. **100% feeder Segregation**:
2.3.1. Completion of feeder separation works sanctioned under DDUGJY should be given utmost priority to achieve the objective of un-interrupted power supply to households in rural areas and adequate power for the farmers.
2.3.2. States were asked to assess requirement of further feeder separation, if any, in areas with significant agricultural load.

2.4. **100% Feeder Metering**
2.4.1. Feeder metering works sanctioned under DDUGJY/IPDS should also be completed on priority. States like Karnataka, J&K, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha to expedite the work and reconcile progress with REC.
2.4.2. States to ensure 100% feeder metering with communicable meters, modems and integration with NPP. States to submit a report in this regard to REC and the Ministry.

3. **Status of hours of power supply**
3.1. REC presented state-wise details of hours of power supply reported by States vis-a-vis NPP Portal. Significant mismatch was observed in respect of States viz. Karnataka, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Tripura, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh. States were requested to rectify mismatch in data.

3.2. SAIFI & SAIDI Index are very high in some States. Discoms were requested to review interruptions to improve quality of Power supply. Discoms to also review the Peak deficit status and ensure continuous power supply to the consumers.

4. **PRADHAN MANTRI SAHAJ BIJLI HAR GHRAR YOJANA (SAUBHAGYA)**
4.1. It was shared that the proposals of the States for electrification of un-electrified households identified up to 31st March, 2019 and recommended by REC to the Ministry is under consideration.

4.2. **Additional infrastructure for Saubhagya Households**
4.2.1. Various States viz. UP, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh etc. requested for time extension for execution of additional Infrastructure for households citing various difficulties and requested for extension up to March, 2020.
4.2.2. The matter of extension of timeline for completion of additional infrastructure works up to 31st March, 2020 is to be taken up by the Ministry of Power with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

5. Quality of Assets: It was emphasized that quality issues highlighted at various level of checks viz TPIA (at Discom level), RQM (at REC level) and NQM (at national level) need to be rectified and reported. Director RE/IT pointed out that quality of asset created need to be ensured for their longevity as well as safety reasons. Similarly quality of workmanship is also to be ensured while execution of work.

6. Hon’ble Minister emphasized the following line of actions for all States

6.1. States to adopt suitable reforms in distribution sector for AT&C loss reduction and recovery of cost of supply from consumers. The reforms may include smart / pre-paid metering, DBT for subsidy to consumers, tariff rationalization, etc.

6.2. All DDUGJY works should be expeditiously completed to facilitate 24x7 power for all.

6.3. Completion of feeder separation works sanctioned under DDUGJY should be given utmost priority to achieve the objective of un-interrupted power supply to households in rural areas and adequate power for the farmers. States to also assess requirement of further feeder separation in areas with significant agricultural load.

6.4. Feeder metering works sanctioned under DDUGJY/IPDS should also be completed on priority and States to ensure 100% feeder metering with communicable meters, modems and integration with NPP. States to submit a report in this regard to REC/PFC and the Ministry.

6.5. DISCOMs to ensure that all requisite details are made readily available so that no delay occurs vis a vis quality inspection. This will also help the Discoms in closure of projects.

6.6. All States to submit details of modifications made by them in sanctioned components of scheme and sanctioned Bill of Quantities (BOQ) while implementation of sanctioned projects with the approval of SLSC. REC after due examination need to obtain approval of Monitoring Committee and need to be communicated to the States.

6.7. Saubhagya: The proposals of the States for electrification of un-electrified households identified upto 31st March, 2019 and recommended by REC, is under consideration.

6.8. Additional Infrastructure under DDUGJY: The matter of extension of timeline for completion of additional infrastructure works, as requested by states, up to 31st March, 2020 is to be taken up by the Ministry of Power with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

6.9. All States to carryout detailed survey and assess critical and essential infrastructural requirements to ensure 24x7 sustainable power for all. While working out infrastructural requirements, details of infrastructure already created and balance sanctioned infrastructure yet to be created under RE
Component/ DDUGJY/ Saubhagya/ Additional Infra/ IPDS/ R-APDRP need to be necessarily indicated and factored properly.

6.10. Regarding exemption of SGST for electrical items under GOI scheme similar to VAT exemption in Pre-GST regime, States to submit details in this regard for taking up the matter by the Ministry with the concerned authorities. REC to send the compiled information quickly.

6.11. All States need to identify assets created under GOI schemes as per guidelines and maintain inventory with geo tags. REC to ensure availability of details of inventory of assets created under the scheme with geo tags

6.12. Reporting System of Discoms should be location specific consisting of details of sanctioned quantities, achievement etc. and a standard format to be designed by REC for review of progress.

6.13. All DDUGJY new projects should be completed and closed before 31st March, 2020 and no further extension beyond this shall be considered in any case. All X & XI plan RE Component projects to be completed and closed before Dec. 2019 and XII Plan projects before 31st March, 2020.

7. Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)

7.1. A presentation was made by ED(IPDS) on progress of IPDS. Hon’ble Minister appreciated the progress of Sub-Transmission & Distribution work made under the scheme. After detailed discussion, following action points emerged:

7.1.1. States/Discoms to expedite progress of strengthening work to ensure Circle-wise completion of balance projects latest by March, 2020. All States were in agreement to the circle wise completion plan discussed and committed to complete the targeted circles maximum by March, 2020. States to expedite award of GIS Sub stations by Sept., 2019.

7.1.2. States (Bihar, Goa, JK, Puducherry, Sikkim, Uttarakhand) to reconcile their BoQ and submit to PFC for necessary approval.

7.1.3. States to ensure rigorous monitoring and review along-with Quality checks. Observations (on quality of work carried out) as pointed out by TPCEAs after verification should be complied with by all States. All States committed to ensure necessary corrections w.r.t. TPCEA observations.

7.1.4. Discoms to ensure timely release of funds to contractors through PFMS and submit Utilization Certificate for fund utilized.

7.1.5. AP(APEPDCL), Goa, Meghalaya & Sikkim to float NIT for GIS Substations.

7.1.6. Discoms of Bihar, HP, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, West Bengal & NER states to ensure closure of R-APDRP Part B projects by 30 Sep 2019.

7.2. States to ensure award of IT Phase-II, ERP and Smart Metering projects by Sep 2019 in accordance with advisories/decisions of Monitoring Committee else they run the risk of cancellation of these projects. States to also award RT-
DAS for accurate measurement of SAIDI/SAIFI by Sept., 2019 and expedite implementation of the same. Discom wise commitments are as follows -

7.2.1. AP, Haryana, HP, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Telangana, UP, West Bengal and Uttarakhand to ensure completion of IT Phase -II work progressively by March, 2020.

7.2.2. Discoms to ensure linking of Urban 11 kV feeders on National Power Portal for the towns to be declared Go-Live.

7.2.3. Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka to award of IT Phase -II projects by Sep 2019.

7.2.4. HP, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana to complete ERP implementation by March 2020

7.3. States to submit their action plan regarding implementation of Smart Metering projects (in pre-paid mode). Ministry of Power to explore regulation regarding prepaid metering in the country.

8. **UJWAL DISCOM ASSURANCE YOJANA (UDAY)**

8.1. Director (Distribution) presented the progress of Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) through a detailed presentation on achievements in key performance parameters such as AT&C Loss, ACS-ARR GAP, Profit & Loss, Subsidy disbursement, Trends of unsustainability of Power tariff structures, Delay in payment of dues by Govt. departments, Over dues of Gencos, Creation of Regulatory Assets, Landed costs of Power, Tariffs hike with the MoU targets, Loss take over by the States, Outstanding Loan Details and Reforms linked with Distribution Scheme were presented during the meeting:

8.2. **AT&C Losses:**

8.2.1. **Jammu & Kashmir**: State reduced their AT&C Losses from 61% in FY16 to 49.8% in FY19. The trend is positive but long way to go reach to the target.

8.2.2. **Jharkhand** mentioned that their AT&C Losses for FY19 is 29.08% against provisional data of 31.9% appearing on the portal.

8.2.3. **Madhya Pradesh**: The AT&C losses of Madhya Pradesh have continuously deteriorated from FY16 (24%) to FY19 (31.9%). State was asked to take necessary steps to reduce their losses on priority.

8.2.4. **Bihar** was asked to bring down the losses to the UDAY target of 15%.

8.2.5. **State of Goa** has shown deterioration of AT&C Loss from 17.1% in FY16 to 26% in FY19. The State representative informed that their losses have come down to 12% though not updated on UDAY Portal.

8.2.6. **Uttar Pradesh**: AT&C Losses of UP had shown little improvement from 26.47% in FY16 to 24.6% in FY19. Principal Secretary (Power), Uttar Pradesh expressed that lack of payment by the State Government departments, Municipalities and theft are some of the reasons. State also informed that dedicated Thanas for theft control have been opened. Hon’ble Minister
suggested that prepaid meters be installed in all State Government departments and subsidy disbursement through DBT be adopted.

8.2.7. **Chhattisgarh** was asked to bring down the losses to the targeted value of 15%.

8.2.8. **Manipur**: AT&C Loss of the State has improved from 44.2% in FY16 to 22.5% in FY19. State Representative stated that metering of 60% of the consumers is done through prepaid smart meters which would further be augmented.

8.2.9. **Rajasthan**: The State has shown improvement in AT&C Losses from 30.4% in FY16 to 21.3% in FY19 which is good. State was asked to bring down the losses to the UDAY target of 15%.

8.2.10. **Assam**: The AT&C Losses of Assam had reduced from 25.5% in FY16 to 15.7% in FY18 which again increased to 21.12% in FY19 which is cause of concern. State was asked to bring down the losses to the UDAY target of 15%.

8.2.11. **Haryana**: The efforts done by the State were appreciated to bring the AT&C Losses from 29.8% in FY16 to 17.4% in FY19. The State also gave a detailed presentation on their achievements done through various good practices which were shared in the meeting. State was requested to share the good practices with other Discoms.

8.2.12. Maharashtra, Puducherry, Tripura, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Telangana, Kerala, Daman & Diu, Himachal Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli were appreciated for their year on year achievement of reducing their AT&C Losses from FY16 to FY19.

8.2.12.1. The States of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat had marginally increased their AT&C Losses in FY19 with respect to FY18 though the achievement of both the States is under 15%.

8.2.12.2. Hon’ble Minister appreciated the performance of these States and expressed the desire to keep up the pace of improvement in the future.

8.3. Govt department dues for FY19 has risen to Rs. 41,240 Crs in comparison to Rs. 37,027 Crs in FY18. States were requested to quickly liquidate the dues as these cash losses are causing liquidity concerns.

8.4. Over dues of Generators has risen to Rs. 25,660 Crs upto May’19 which needs to be addressed by the States urgently. States were asked the States to reduce the pendency of dues pertaining to pre LC period (started since Aug’19) in a phased manner.

8.5. It was shared that as per the proposed tariff policy there would be no place for Regulatory Assets and it states were requested to reduce them at the earliest. Similarly States were requested to timely file their tariff petitions with respective Regulators for the relief from financial burden.

8.6. **Loss takeover by the States**: Director (Distribution) apprised that there was only 48% loss take over by the States in FY19 which was 81% in FY18.
Hon’ble Minister expressed displeasure and asked MoP for taking up this issue with the respective states through written communication.

8.7. In the concluding remarks following points were reiterated: installation of Prepaid meters at the premises of all the Government department connections for AT&C Loss reduction; subsidy disbursement through DBT be adopted for all category of consumers; time frame of three years all consumer meters should be prepaid smart meters.

9. Director RE/IT shared that Power sector has achieved 50% increase in digital transactions done in 2018-19 as compared to 2017-18. State wise target of digital transaction in 2019-20 was shared individually with each state and it was requested to expedite the adoption and promotion of Digital Payment in their Discoms for achievement of targets of 2019-20.

10. Usage of Social Media for grievance redressal was also pointed out. Director RE/IT mentioned that many Discoms already have handles on Facebook and Twitter. It was requested to all states that they may also create Discom wise handles on social media, and share the handle with Ministry of Power at it-mop@nic.in, so that complaints/ grievances/ feedback posted by consumers are properly and timely tagged and redressed. Hon’ble Minister also emphasized the importance of social media usage by Discoms.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.