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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, dated 01st September, 2016


To

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

Subject: Minutes of the 18th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held on 10.08.2016 at New Delhi – regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 18th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) on 10.08.2016 at New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

Encl: as above.


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Minutes of the 18th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting of Ministry of Power held on 10th August, 2016 at New Delhi

The 18th RPM meeting of MoP was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary Power on 10th August 2016 wherein senior officers from Ministry of Power, REC, PFC, CEA, CPSUs, Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Energy of States and other representatives participated. The list of the participant is at **Annex**.

2.0 Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)

2.1 Dr. Dinesh Arora, ED, REC made a presentation covering village electrification, providing access to all households. Following important points emerged during the discussion:

2.1.1 Out of 18452 un-electrified villages, electrification of 9864 villages has been completed as on date. Representatives from the State of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Rajasthan and Manipur were requested to expedite energisation of villages where works have been completed or nearing completion.

2.1.2 Award of remaining 3337 villages (1547 Grid and 1790 Off-grid) is a matter of concern to ensure electrification of all remaining villages within agreed timelines. All concerned States (Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Assam, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, J&K, Karnataka, MP and Uttarakhand) were requested to expedite the process and ensure award latest by end of August 2016. The representatives from Odisha and Assam assured that award will be placed by end of August 2016 and within a week respectively. In respect of Madhya Pradesh, it was informed that the bid prices are almost 1.5 times higher than sanctioned cost for the off grid projects and a view shall be taken by the Technical Committee under CMD REC regarding the same.

2.2 The representative from Arunachal Pradesh stated that bids for grid villages (478) are under evaluation and would be awarded by end of August 2016. However, for off-grid villages (766), the tender could not be awarded. REC informed that despite regular follow ups, State has not been able to award projects even after more than 10 months of sanction. After detailed discussions, it was decided that SECI, a CPSU under MNRE will be the implementing agency for the off grid projects in Arunachal Pradesh and finish off-grid electrification by December 2016.

2.3 All States were requested to install sign boards as per prescribed design and specifications in villages being electrified under DDUGJY. All States are to ensure engraving of name of scheme i.e. 'DDUGJY' on major material / equipment (Poles, Transformers, Cables, Energy Meters etc.) being installed.

2.4 It was suggested by States that the data of SECC 2011 (Socio Economic and Caste Census) may be suitably used for providing free electricity connections under the scheme instead of BPL criteria as is now being adopted in other schemes of GOI. It was informed that the matter is already under consultation with the MoRD and a view would be taken.

2.5 All funds should be released through PFMS only up to contractor level. Necessary training programmes have been conducted in this regard. The States may seek further necessary assistance through REC and funds under the scheme shall be released by REC only after ensuring adoption of PFMS by the States up to contractor level.

2.6 States were informed that a new committee 'DISHA' has been constituted by Ministry of Rural Development, GOI for effective monitoring of almost all the programmes of Central government including DDUGJY. Separate advisory in this regard from MoP will follow.

2.7 All State were requested to share and verify the data on household electrification as being compiled by their PMAs. It is targeted to upload and verify data for all States latest by end of Sept. 2016.

2.8 Joint Secretary (Dist.) expressed concern over collection of all household data within stated timelines. Secretary (Power) stated that some of the States have already done this exercise and therefore REC should discuss with these States and move forward to ensure that data of entire country is made available within targeted timeframe. In this context, it was informed by MD, BSPTCL that Bihar state has engaged 18,000 surveyors to collect household data on 12 parameters.

2.9 Principal Secretary (Energy), Uttar Pradesh informed that fund request proposals are under process with REC. REC informed that compliances of certain conditionalities including DEC consultation are still pending. Secretary (Power) directed to expedite the cases appropriately.

2.10 ACS Karnataka raised issued regarding procurement of major high value equipment initiative for full turnkey execution. It was clarified that in case of full turnkey execution also itemized rates are given in the bid and therefore it is possible to cap the price of major items to the maximum of those discovered by Committee B. Bihar and UP also endorsed the view.

2.11 Joint Secretary (Dist.) advised States to expedite electrification works in LWE, Border areas and release of electricity connections to Mobile Towers on priority. JS also advised States to take up electrification works in SAGY villages on priority.

