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Subject: Minutes of the 11th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held on 11.01.2016 at New Delhi – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 11th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOSP (I/C) on 11.01.2016 at New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

Encl: as above.



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Minutes of the 11th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting of Ministry of Power held on 11th January, 2016 at SCOPE Convention Centre, SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The 11th RPM meeting was convened on 11th January, 2016 wherein senior officials from Ministry of Power, CPSUs, CEA and representatives from State Govt. and Power Utilities participated. Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy also graced the meeting. The list of participants is enclosed as **Annex**.

2. Additional Secretary (BNS), Ministry of Power welcomed all the participants for the 1st RPM meeting in 2016 and wished all for a Happy and Progressive New Year. AS, briefed the broad agenda which including DDUGJY, IPDS, UDAY, PFA, Reliable Communication System at 33 & 66 KV level, Replacement of old & insufficient sub-critical units, UMPPs, Solar Development and RPO Obligations.

3. Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)

Dr. Dinesh Arora, ED, REC made a detailed presentation covering status of electrification of 18452 un-electrified villages in the country, State wise targets & achievements, status of award, status of sanction of off-grid villages and important implementation issues. The presentation also covered e-pehal, the new initiatives like implementation of UDC (Uninterrupted Direct Current) supply projects, additional features added in Mobile App 'GARV' and new features under trial run e.g. village night out images through ISRO, mapping of electricity infrastructure under Digital India in association with BISAG, MIS & GVA performance evaluation etc.

Efforts and cooperation of the States was thankfully acknowledged in achieving electrification of more than 4000 villages in about 9 months and requested all stakeholders to accelerate the momentum to ensure achievement of 7000 villages set for the FY. State-wise, village-wise milestone based PERT chart and strategy to achieve electrification of another 3000 villages by March 2016 was also shared. During review, following major action points emerged:

- (i) State's Project Implementing Agencies to regularly review, monitor and expedite progress as per PERT chart and ensure achievement of targets on weekly basis.
- (ii) States to ensure electrification of all remaining un-electrified villages within the given timeframe, following important issues need to be attended by the respective agencies:

- a) *Submission of DPRs* for remaining off grid villages by Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam latest by end of January 2016.
- b) *Award of remaining sanctioned villages*: 494 villages (Assam-173, Jharkhand-296, J&K-25) sanctioned in XII Plan are yet to be awarded in spite of rigorous persuasion and follow up. States concerned to ensure award of these villages by 31.01.2016. Principal Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand, mentioned that all 296 villages would be awarded by end of January 2016. Representative of J&K mentioned that bids are under evaluation for projects under XII Plan covering 25 villages. CMD, OPTCL, Odisha mentioned that 218 off grid villages would be awarded by March 2016.
- (iii) District-wise, Component-wise DPRs including infrastructure details have to be submitted by Nagaland, Jharkhand, Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Mizoram latest by end of Jan. 2016.
- (iv) In the light of Non-realization of Bank Guarantees of M/s Variegate Projects, Hyderabad in MVVNL projects, all States were requested to check the Bank Guarantees of all the projects awarded and also to take necessary measures that such cases do not recur.
- (v) Chhattisgarh State was informed that the proposal in respect of 382 villages to be electrified through Standalone Solar PV based systems would be put up to the Monitoring Committee for consideration in its next meeting. In the meantime, strategy for implementation may be firmed up.
- (vi) Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal mentioned that remaining 14 un-electrified villages in Sunderban area would be electrified by March 2017.
- (vii) Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka mentioned that electrification of remaining 30 un-electrified villages require forest clearance and the matter may be taken up by the Ministry of Power. It was suggested that State may also explore possibilities of electrification of these villages through alternative solutions like UDC model being implemented by IIT, Madras in Rajasthan.
- (viii) ED, REC shared the Un-interrupted DC (UDC) model for electrification of villages, developed by IIT Madras which provide Solar DC power to DC powered loads with maximized efficiency and longer lifetime. Under DDUGJY, IIT Madras is electrifying 4000 off-grid homes in Rajasthan. State of Assam may explore for implementation of this model in their off-grid villages through IIT, Madras.

