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Government of India

Ministry of Power

**Sharam Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg
New Delhi, Dated: 21st August, 2023**

To

**Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Energy/ Power) of
all States and UTs.**

**Subject: Electrification of balance un-electrified villages/ habitations under
RDSS.**

Sir/ Madam

The matter of electrification of balance un-electrified villages/ habitations has been discussed on various occasions on different platforms. Concern in this regard was also raised by many states during the last Power Ministers' Conference held on 14th – 15th October, 2022 wherein Hon'ble Minister for Power & NRE had assured support for electrification of balance un-electrified villages/ habitations in the country under RDSS. During the subsequent Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meetings, the states/ DISCOMs have been advised to expeditiously submit DPRs for electrification of balance un-electrified villages/ habitations under RDSS.

2. It may be noted that, till now, the proposals, in reference to the above, have only been received from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Manipur, Nagaland and UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

3. It is, thus, reiterated that the DPRs may be expeditiously submitted to the Ministry for approval through the nodal agencies as per the procedure prescribed in the guidelines taking due approval of Distribution Reforms Committee and the State Cabinet.

4. Further, it has been decided that the DPRs, duly approved by the State Cabinet, while submitting to the nodal agency, shall also be shared with the district administration for placing it before the District Electricity Committee (DEC). Also, in respect of states/UTs which have already submitted the DPRs, the same may be shared with the district administration for placing before the DEC for its information.

5. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Power).

Encl.: As above


21/08/2023

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1. CMDs/ MDs of DISCOMS of all States and UTs
2. CMD, REC Ltd.
3. CMD, PFC Ltd.

Also copy to:

1. PPS to Secretary (Power)
2. PPS to Joint Secretary (Distribution)

Annexure-I

Norms for electrification of left out HHs under RDSS

- i. The cost of electrification [which includes network augmentation cost (DT, HT, and LT) upto electric poles] in a Fully unelectrified habitation shall not exceed Rs 22,500 per HH and in a partially electrified habitation shall not exceed Rs 11,250 per HH.
- ii. For Special category States and desert areas, the cost of electrification may be considered as 1.5 times the cost of electrification (i.e. Rs 33,750 for Fully unelectrified habitations and Rs 16875 partially electrified habitations) mentioned above.
- iii. GOI grant for household electrification would as per funding pattern for distribution infrastructure works under RDSS.
- iv. The cost related to service connections downstream from the pole will not be under RDSS purview and it shall be carried out by the DISCOMs through their own funds.
- v. Only cases of un-electrified households (prior to Saubhagya) identified before 31.03.2019 would be considered
- vi. Fully unelectrified habitations with more than 10 households will only be considered for financial assistance under RDSS. However, in case of Special category states and desert areas, fully unelectrified habitations with more than 5 households will be considered. Further, for partially electrified habitations, habitations with any number of un-electrified households can be considered.
- vii. All remaining unelectrified HH to be provided metered connection only.
- viii. The defaulters whose connections have been disconnected should not be provided new connections under the scheme. However, the utilities may consider settlement of old dues and reconnection as per their norms or rules or regulations in this regards out of the preview of this scheme.
- ix. The HH of migratory nature living in temporary campsites would not be covered under the scheme. However, such HHs would be eligible for electricity connections at their place of permanent residence as per the guidelines.
- x. Some of the farmers/villages have also built houses in farms and they may also have another place of living in the main village. Extension of grid to such individuals scattered households in farmland may not be viable and cost effective and therefore shall not be covered under the scheme. However, such HHs would be eligible for electricity connections at their place of permanent residence as per the guidelines.
- xi. Any cost over and above the abovementioned cost norms will have to be borne by concerned State/ Discoms.
- xii. Fund release shall be based on actual expenditure within the cost norms.

- xiii. The release of funds for HH electrification works shall be contingent upon submission of electrified HH details. An advance of 30% to be released to DISCOMs on per HH basis and remaining 70% shall be released when the connection to the household is energized and consumer details (Consumer Name, Consumer Address, Consumer No, Connection release date, Meter No etc.). are submitted by the DISCOM. DISCOM to submit these details generated from the DISCOM's billing system for fund release under RDSS. Such details shall be uploaded on a Web-portal similar to that of Saubhagya scheme.

The proposal for household electrifications under RDSS shall be submitted as per format enclosed below by concerned Discoms. The Nodal agency will carry out appraisal of the DPR submitted by the Discoms and submit its recommendation to MC for consideration.

DPR template for Household Electrification works

DISCOM Name: _____

Name of District	Name of Block	Name of Revenue village with Census Code	Name of Majra /Habitatio n	Total No. of Househol ds	No. of Househol ds already electrified	No. of unelectrifie d Household s	Estimated cost of electrificati on

The Monitoring Committee in its 19th meeting has approved application of existing norms for Special category States and Desert areas for electrification of left out households in following areas of all States/UTs also.

Areas notified under 5th and 6th Schedule of Constitution

LWE affected districts identified by MHA

Sub-districts with population density of less than 150 persons/Sq Km

Nodal agencies to submit the proposal received from states as per above norms.