


REC/DDUGJY/MoM/2016/579

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The Minutes of Meeting on DDUGJY between REC and KSEBL held at Conference Hall, Vydyuthi Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram on 02nd July, 2016 is placed along with this letter for kind reference and needful action of all concerned officers of REC, Government of Kerala and KSEBL *please.*


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General Manager (DDUGJY)

Copy for kind information to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Power), Government of Kerala
2. The Chairman, KSEBL, Vydyuthi Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Executive Director, REC Ltd., New Delhi
4. The General Manager (DDUGJY)-II, REC Ltd., New Delhi

Copy also to:

1. The Chief Project Manager, REC, Project Office, Thiruvananthapuram, with the request to send follow up action taken report on MoM.

Minutes of meeting on DDUGJY between REC and KSEBL
held at Conference Hall, Vydyuthi Bhavan, on 02nd July 2016

List of participants is furnished at Annexure.

The following were the deliberations:

A. DDUGJY:

1. The Executive Director, REC informed that the procurement of materials from centrally empaneled Vendors for DDUGJY scheme is optional for States and Utilities can procure materials either from the Govt. of India empaneled vendors or through normal tenders. GOI is issuing clarifications on this matter.
2. As per the guideline for departmental execution, district wise single contract is to be awarded for execution. KSEBL requested permission to execute the works through the normal procedure followed in KSEBL ie., using contractors, section wise. REC agreed in principle to the proposal subject to the approval of the monitoring committee. However, payment should be made on PFMS upto Contractor level in their respective dedicated accounts. Also if required, Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) can be appointed to ensure quality of work.
3. As per guideline, e-tendering is to be done for the work above Rs 2 Lakhs. KSEBL requested to enhance the limit to Rs 5 Lakh which is being followed in Kerala Government. REC advised that State can follow State specific guidelines on e-tendering subject to approval of the Board of Directors of KSEB.
4. REC intimated that first priority be given to provide service connection to all rural households. Based on the request of the State, RECPDCL would conduct survey to find out exact number of un-electrified households in Kerala in a time bound manner.
5. REC would release first installment payments for the works executed under DDUGJY on execution of Tripartite Agreement.
6. It was agreed to ensure quality of materials, among others, through GVAs.
7. REC asked to prioritize the work of installation of Smart Meters wherever required in order to cut losses. KSEBL requested for additional expenditure over and above sanction cost for the installation of Smart Meters. REC mentioned that within the overall DDUGJY sanction cost, KSEBL may utilize with inter-component variations, subject to approval of DDUGJY Monitoring Committee of Ministry of Power.



B. DDG:

1. KSEBL explained that for electrification of all households, some work in forest area would require laying UG cable. REC replied that UG cables are not allowed normally and instead financial assistance can be given for electrification of these areas with stand-alone system under DDG.
2. Though financial assistance was received for 15 DDG projects in Palakkad district, KSEBL could not complete the works due to protest from local people. KSEBL opined that these issues may be sorted out with the help of District Collectors. REC agreed to extend the financial assistance for electrification of remote habitations through DDG.
3. For solar projects under DDG, it was agreed to use maintenance free (5 years) Lithium-Ion Battery. For timely and effective implementation of Household electrification, it was suggested to adopt IIT Chennai Model for execution of Solar Projects under DDG.

C. IT enablement:

1. KSEBL is in the process of inviting Consultants and preparing DPR for
 - ERP solution
 - IT Phase-II for remaining statutory towns
 - Smart Grid projects under National Smart Grid Mission in the cities of Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode, of which Kochi is an approved Smart Grid City under Govt. of India Scheme.
2. KSEBL requested RECPDCL for providing Consultancy Service and Support to KSEBL in preparation of DPRs in the above task. A Team from RECPDCL would have preliminary interaction with KSEBL for identifying areas of support and preparation of DPR for the integration of ERP in KSEBL.

D. General:

1. KSEBL requested substantial amount for System Improvement Projects under T&D Segment, as loan at a competitive interest rate. REC agreed to examine the proposal of KSEBL.
2. KSEBL also requested for exemption of penalty from premature closure of loan amount. REC agreed to examine the proposal of KSEBL.



List of Participants

KSEBL

1. Sh. Paul Antony, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Power), Government of Kerala & CMD, KSEBL
2. Sh. N.S. Pillai IA&AS, Director (Finance)
3. Sh. N. Venugopal, Director (Distribution, Safety & Generation-Electrical)
4. Sh. Muhammed Sheriff, Dy. CE (CAPs) with full powers of Chief Engineer
5. Sh. Raju, Executive Engineer
6. Smt. Sobha, Asst. Executive Engineer
7. Sh. Suresh, Asst. Executive Engineer

REC

1. Dr. Dinesh Arora, IAS, Executive Director
2. Sh. T.S.C Bosh, General Manager (DDUGJY)
3. Sh. N S Ravi Kumar, CPM Thiruvananthapuram

