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To
Managing Director
Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.
Agra

Subject: Clarification regarding Electrification of village Nagla Fatela (CC 2011:122938) of Hathras district (Mahamayanagar), UP.

Sir

With reference to the electrification of the above village, I would like to bring following facts to your notice:

1. The said village was proposed as Un-electrified village by the Uttar Pradesh Government to be electrified under 12th plan of DDUGJY-RE of Hathras district DPR. The DPR was recommended by State Level Standing committee headed by Chief Secretary of the State vide Lr. No. 3913/24-1-13-19 p 05 (tc) Lucknow dtd. 13.11.2013. As per the DPR, **Zero households were shown as electrified with zero existing connected load.** The infrastructure proposed was for electrification of all households namely -one transformer of 63kVA, four transformers of 25kVA, HT 1.57 km, LT 1.54 km (three phase) and LT 0.62 km (single phase).
2. The DPR was sanctioned by Government of India on 20.12.2013 and sanction letter was issued by REC on 06.01.2014. The sanction letter categorically states that there shall be no shortfall in the achievement of approved infrastructure and outcome i.e electrification of habitations and households.
3. Further Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (DVVNL) also confirmed vide letter dated 26.02.2015, that Nagla Fatela is among the balance un-electrified villages of 1529 as on 01.04.2015 in Uttar Pradesh.
4. In October 2015, Chief Engineer, DVVNL Agra, reported that infrastructure work and energisation status of village Nagla Fatela (Census code: 122938) was completed and the village was declared electrified. Subsequently, based on the information provided by Chief Engineer, DVVNL, the village was notified as electrified in the GARV App.
5. Testing and verification of the infrastructure was done by the DVVNL officials as well as contractor on 24.11.2015. The infrastructure verification document **shows that 82 APL and Zero BPL households are electrified** along with the creation of infrastructure of 4 no. of 25 kVA, 1 no. of 16 kVA DT, 88 no. of poles for HT and LT lines with created Load per BPL (250W) totaling to 2.25 KW, Load per APL (500W) totaling to 90.5 KW, Load per Public Place (1KW) totaling to 3KW for 3 public places.
6. Against the sanctioned cost of Rs. 108.13 Crores, REC has released an amount of Rs. 24.68 Crores out of which nearly Rs. 25 lacs was earmarked for creation of infrastructure of Nagla Fatela.

7. It has been brought to my knowledge vide media reports that
- a) No connections have been given to households including BPL households though the infrastructure under DDUGJY – RE was completed, tested and verified by DVVNL in October 2015.
 - b) There is a press quote from one Mr. BS Gangwar, Chief Engineer that "150 houses in the village have power connections" which is totally contrary to facts submitted by the State Level Standing Committee headed by Chief Secretary which submitted the DPR to Government of India on 13.11.2013. The DPR clearly states no existing load in the village and no household electrified. (Annexure I)
 - c) Another press report mentioned that there are 150 illegal 'katia' connections with the transformer meant to run tubewells and in return villagers pay Rs. 395 for two months to DVVNL. (Annexure II). This is in violation of Section 135 (1) of the Indian Electricity Act.
8. You are hereby requested to file a detailed clarification on the above points within three days. You may also clarify why, if the infrastructure work had been completed and certified on 30.10.2015 as reported by DVVNL, no connection have so far been released to households including BPL households and the infrastructure remained unutilized after spending public money, including GOI grant. In case your reply is not received within three days, action as deemed appropriate will be initiated.


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AGM, REC

Villagers in dark

wires and meters but power supply remains a distant dream for us," said pradhan Kumar.

Photos shared by the Prime Minister's Office showing villagers watching TV on Independence Day also surprised locals. "These pictures are not of our village. The one with balloons seems to be of Nagla Sindhi, another village in Hathras which was electrified under a similar scheme," said Devendra Singh, former pradhan of Nagla Fatela.

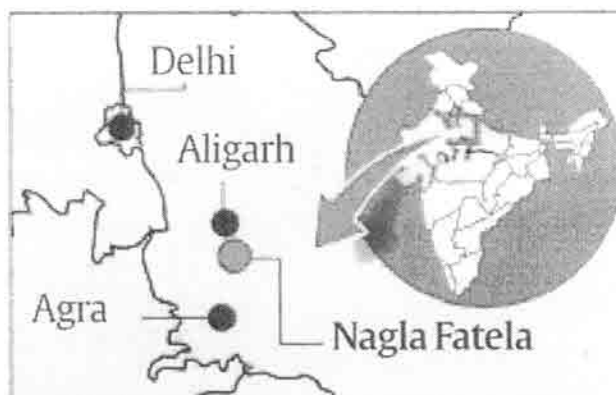
When contacted, V S Gangwar, Chief Engineer at DVVNL's Aligarh division, said the village was electrified many years ago, but only through 'katia' connections.

"Around 150 houses have power since 1985 through the transformer meant for tubewells. We generate an electricity bill for these consumers," said Gangwar.

Sub-divisional officer of the local power sub-station, Kayam Singh, said the power department has not been able to provide electricity to the village as they need a no-objection certificate from a private company that placed poles and wires in the village to provide power. "The private firm is yet to provide the NoC," said Singh.

After the PM mentioned Nagla Fatela in his speech, officials of the power department, including SDO Singh, rushed to the village to check the status.

District Magistrate, Hathras, A K Singh said a team of officials had been sent to the village to verify which power connections were legal. Those using 'ka-



tia' will be punished, he said.

Meanwhile, the PIB today issued a clarification titled 'Electrification of village Nagla Fatela, Hathras – facts at a glance'. It read: "Electrification of said village was proposed by the UP government under 12th plan of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) was submitted through a state-level steering committee, headed by the chief secretary of the state on 13.11.2013. For this village, the DPR proposed connections to all households, including creation of infrastructure..."

"The DPR was sanctioned by government of India on 20.12.2013 and sanction letter was released by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) on 06.01.2014... The DISCOM (DVVNL Agra) confirmed on 26.02.2015 that village Nagla Fatela is still un-electrified," it further stated.

"DVVNL Agra reported in October 2015 that infrastructure work for electrification of the village Nagla Fatela has been completed and the village has been electrified. Accordingly, the village has been shown as electrified in the GARV App by REC," read the PIB communique.

Asked about the PIB clarification, Gangwar said, "We did not send any such information about electrification of Nagla Fatela village to the central government."

Villagers in dark about why PM said they have power

ISHITA MISRA

NAGLA FATELA, HATHRAS,
AUGUST 16

A SHORT journey from Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his Independence Day address, there is a village in Hathras called Nagla Fatela. "It takes only three hours to reach Nagla Fatela. But it took 70 years for electricity to reach there."

On the ground, in the village, however, this statement came as a surprise to residents, many of whom have been living without electricity.

The village has about 600 homes — 450 without power. The 150-odd homes that do get electricity rely on illegal 'kattia' connections: they have connected their homes to a transformer meant to run 22 tubewells, and, in return, pay Rs 395 for two months to the Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (DVVNL), village pradhan Yogesh Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

"Perhaps, the Prime Minister



150 homes get power using 'kattia' connections. *Manoj Aligadi*

hasn't been made aware of the condition of our village," said Ullanoor Usmani, a resident.

Nagla Fatela, about 300 km from New Delhi, has a population of 3,500, with about 900 registered voters. It is one of the 10,045 villages where infrastructure was provided under the Prime Minister's rural electrifi-

cation drive. According to the Ministry of Power, complete electrification of 18,475 villages will be done by May 2017.

"It's true that the government made arrangements for electrification of our village under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana. We got poles.

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