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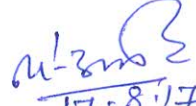
The Chairman & Managing Director,  
Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.,  
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**Subject: Minutes of the Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power with Secretaries (Power/Energy) of States held on 22.07.2017 at New Delhi – regarding.**

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) on 22.07.2017 at New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

Encl: as above.

  
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## **Minutes of Review, Planning & Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power with Secretaries (Power/Energy) of States held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017 at New Delhi.**

Review Meeting of Ministry of Power with Secretaries (Power/Energy) of States was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017 at New Delhi. The list of the participants is at **Annex**.

2.1 JS (Distribution) welcomed all the participants and the Secretary (Power) to the RPM meeting. He highlighted about the slow progress of village electrification, particularly in the last 3 months, is a cause of concern and requested States to expedite award of 219 villages yet to be awarded and also the 163 new projects sanctioned under DDUGJY.

2.2. Secretary (Power) in his opening remarks stated that lots of changes are happening in power sector and active support from States is very essential. Secretary emphasized to expedite village electrification works as the focus of the Government is to provide electricity access to all households in the country and advised the States to expedite the work for completing village electrification by Dec, 2017 and household electrification by Dec, 2018.

### **3.0 Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)**

3.1 ED (DDUGJY) made a presentation on status of implementation of DDUGJY covering village electrification, award of balance un-electrified villages & new projects, component-wise monitoring of progress and household electrification. During the deliberation, following points emerged:

3.2 As on 21.07.2017, 3,458 villages remained un-electrified and requested to expedite the pace of electrification so as to achieve the target by October, 2017.

3.3 CMD, REC mentioned that 7 Focus States are having major number of un-electrified villages and requested to work out a Micro Planning/PERT chart to electrify them within scheduled timelines. CMD also requested the States to freeze the number of un-electrified villages which are found over & above 18452 villages and also take all necessary steps to electrify these villages by October, 2017.

3.4 ED, REC reiterated that 219 villages (Arunachal 63, Jharkhand 118, MP 20 & J&K 18) are yet to be awarded and requested the States to expedite the award process.

3.5 Secretary, Government of Jharkhand informed that the electrification works got delayed due to forest clearance and now the same has been received. He added that the requisite material has already been mobilized & works are in progress. Secretary Jharkhand assured that all remaining villages would be electrified positively by October, 2017.

3.6 In regard to litigation in award of villages and new projects under DDUGJY in Arunachal Pradesh, CMD, REC advised the State to explore the possibilities to settle the case.

3.7 MD, APDCL, Assam informed that forest clearance for electrifying the villages have been received but major part of the State is affected by incessant rain and therefore, difficulties in resuming the works in flooded areas.

3.8 On the initiative taken by Assam, ED, REC requested other States to nominate a dedicated officer preferably JE for each of the un-electrified villages till they are getting electrified for enabling to achieve the goal of electrification by October 2017.

3.9 MD, UPCL, Uttarakhand informed that out of 30 un-electrified villages requiring forest clearance, 10 villages require Wild life clearance; case is pending with Wild Life Committee Delhi and the UPCL have been pursuing. For the remaining 20 villages, MD mentioned that the clearances at State level would be obtained from respective DFOs shortly. JS, MoP advised the State to look for the possibilities for laying UG cables (as it requires linear area) in villages wherever prolonged delay in obtaining forest clearance faced and as per forest department guidelines.

3.10 Director, OPTCL, Odisha informed that forest clearance for 31 villages has been sorted out at Chief Secretary level and expected clearance from the respective DFOs in 15 days. Director OPTCL assured that village electrification work would be completed by Oct, 2017.

3.11 MD, SBPDCL, Bihar assured that all efforts would be made by the State to electrify the remaining un-electrified villages by October, 2017. MD requested to allow to utilize the amount saved through BPL Households for utilization against PMA charges. JS, MoP informed that the matter may be examined by REC.

3.12 Further, MD SBPDCL sought clarification on Material Specifications on Bleeding Test of Power Cables under Type Test, Noise level testing in Distribution Transformer and on 3-separate isolators in distribution Transformers. JS, MoP mentioned that the Technical Committee comprising CEA and REC may revisit the specifications and inform SBPDCL.

3.13 CMD, REC suggested that a workshop-cum-field visit can be organized in Bihar for the focus States having substantial un-electrified households in their States to study the practices adopted by Bihar State. Secretary Power agreed to the proposal.

3.14 ED/REC mentioned that States of Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim are yet to upload household data on GARV App.

