

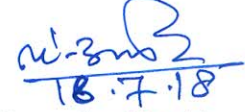
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dated the 18th July, 2018

Subject: Minutes of the 4th Monitoring Committee on SAUBHAGYA held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Power) on 09.07.2018 - forwarding regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 4th Monitoring Committee on SAUBHAGYA held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (P) on 09.07.2018 for information and necessary.

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Copy to: PPS to Secretary (Power) / PS to AS (SNS) / PS to JS & FA / PS to JS(AKV) / PS to Director (Distribution)/ PA to Director (RE), Ministry of Power.

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of Monitoring Committee for Saubhagya held on 09.07.2018 at 03:00 PM in Conference Room, Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi

The list of the participants is at **Annex**.

CMD REC welcomed Secretary (Power) and other members of the Monitoring Committee and introduced the agenda. ED, REC made the presentation on State-wise proposals recommended by REC for consideration of sanction by the Monitoring Committee. The presentation also included additional agenda items on (i) Confirmation of minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Monitoring Committee (ii) Action taken on decisions of the 3rd Monitoring Committee meeting and (iii) Status of implementation agendas of the meeting (iv) Criteria for identification of poor households in urban areas and (v) Funds for implementation of Communication Plan under Saubhagya.

The agenda-wise details of deliberations are as under:

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Monitoring Committee:

The Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Monitoring Committee held on 7th June, 2018 was circulated to all concerned. No comments from any quarter have been received. Hence, the Minutes of the meeting stands confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action taken on the decisions of 3rd Monitoring Committee Meeting:

Agenda Item no	Particulars	Action taken
5	Appraisal of DPRs under Saubhagya Monitoring Committee accorded Provisional approval for 15 States subject to fulfillment of conditions.	REC has conveyed the provisional approval to the States with the request to comply with all the conditionalities of Sanction.

Monitoring Committee noted the above status.

Agenda Item No. 3: Status of implementation of Saubhagya so far:

REC informed that Rs.3797.95 crore released by Ministry of Power to REC since launch of scheme cumulatively and in turn, REC had disbursed Rs.1954 crore to States. Secretary (Power) advised REC to release funds expeditiously. CMD, REC confirmed that presently no claim proposals of States are pending with REC. It was also reported that 82.87 Lakh Households have been electrified upto 5th July 2018 and all households are targeted to be electrified by December 2018.

Monitoring Committee noted the above status.

Agenda Item No.4: State-wise proposals for sanction of DPRs under Saubhagya

- (a) In the previous meeting of Monitoring Committee held on 7th June 2018, Provisional Sanction was accorded by the Committee on the basis of details worked out by REC for 15 States, pending confirmation of number of households by the States. The Provisional Sanction had been considered to facilitate release of funds to the States to expedite implementation of the scheme. The provisional sanction included cost of service connection, cost of last mile connectivity and cost of standalone systems for off-grid households. It was agreed that the proposals in respect of additional infrastructure as proposed by some of the States would be considered separately after submission of requisite details by States as requested by REC including final number of un-electrified households and balance number of sanctioned BPL households. REC was required to carry out due diligence and techno-economic appraisal and put up its recommendations in the next meeting of Monitoring Committee within 15 days.
- (b) CMD, REC mentioned that so far Nineteen (19) States have submitted DPRs online in the format prescribed. Bihar submitted the DPR in hard copy format. Further, 5 states viz., Karnataka, Kerala, Delhi, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh have submitted the letter of intent (LOI), but not the DPRs, despite close follow up with the officials of Discoms/SPUs/ Government. The Nineteen (19) States together have requested financing for 2.39 crore un-electrified households under Saubhagya with a total outlay of Rs.35,723crore, which include cost of additional infrastructure to strengthen the distribution network. CMD, REC informed that States have conducted the survey and confirmation has been furnished by States on DPR submission portal. Further, REC has appraised the DPRs through a three-tier process, from both the technical and financial angles with reference to the Saubhagya framework and the guidelines stipulated by the Ministry of Power.
- (c) As informed by CMD, REC at the first stage, the Project Engineers / field engineers/ Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) have undertaken field visits along with the field level staff of the DISCOMs to validate the proposals with reference to the ground realities. They have carefully reviewed the number of un-electrified households, the status of distribution infrastructure, the works approved under various programme of the government as well as the CAPEX Loans sanctioned by the financial institutions for distribution system strengthening and the additional infrastructure required to support the households being electrified under Saubhagya. At the second level, REC Nodal officer, including the Senior Executive Director, Executive Directors, along with the REC Chief Program Manager have jointly reviewed the proposal with the DISCOM officials in light of the reports submitted by the first state appraisal team. Based on the inputs provided by the field functionaries, the proposals were reviewed and revised duly considering the investment made in the distribution infrastructure. Third level review had been conducted by the REC Senior Management Team to firm up the recommendations to the Monitoring Committee.
- (d) Accordingly, REC has submitted the proposal to Monitoring Committee in line with the guidelines, adopting the following methodology:
- Electrification of un-electrified households – On-Grid @ Rs.3000 and Off-Grid @ Rs.50,000 per household
 - Incremental infrastructure for last mile connectivity on an average Rs.1500 per household
 - Additional Infrastructure investment by apportioning the funds available within the approved budgetary envelope (60% weightage assigned to the North Eastern States and

