

MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, NAGALAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, KOHIMA.

The 10th State Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of the Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) was held at NERC Court room, Kohima on 19th March, 2016. The Meeting was chaired by Er. Imlikumzuk Ao, Chairman-cum-Member and Ex-Officio Chairman (SAC).

The following SAC Members and Special invitees attended the meeting:-

SAC Members:-

1. Capt. Hekiye Sema.
2. Mr. C. R. Lotha.
3. Mr. Bendangnukshi Longkumer.
4. Mr. Meren Paul.
5. Mr. Khosapa Venuh.
6. Mr. Keyileuhingbe Elu.
7. Mr. Kekhriengulie Thenuo.
8. Mr. Jonas Yanthan.

(The other members could not attend the meeting due to certain unavoidable circumstances).

Special Invitees:-

1. Er. R. Angami, Addl. Chief Engineer- *Transmission & Generation, DPN, Nagaland.*
2. Er. Khose Sale, Suptd. Engineer- *Distribution & Revenue, DPN, Nagaland.*
3. Er. Keviletou Yiese, Suptd. Engineer- *Distribution & Revenue, DPN, Nagaland.*
4. Er. P.T. Philip, Sr. Electrical Inspector- *Deptt. of Electrical Inspectorate, Nagaland.*
5. Er. Imliakum, Jr. Engineer- *Deptt. of New & Renewable Energy, Nagaland.*

The Hon'ble Chairman-cum-Member welcomed all the SAC members & invitees and opened the meeting by remarking about the deteriorating health of the Power sector in Nagaland, stating that it is the joint responsibility of all concerned to bring about a good reform.

The Secretary (NERC) read out the agenda to be discussed and invited the members to express freely their views/suggestions etc.

Items discussed during the Meeting were as follows:

1) Review of the last SAC meeting (i.e. 9th SAC meeting).

The members present reviewed and discussed thoroughly on the resolutions adopted in the last SAC Meeting as follows:-

a) Unbundling of power sector in Nagaland:

The Department of Power, Nagaland (DPN) officials present in the meeting informed the members based on the latest status report of the Department that, in line with the “Power Sector Reforms and Restructuring in Nagaland” as prepared and submitted by the International Management Institute (IMI), New Delhi, the DPN has been partially bifurcated into 2 directorates i.e. Directorate of Transmission & Generation **and** Directorate of Distribution & Revenue. However, the 2 directorates are yet to function independently. Therefore, the Members unanimously resolved and reaffirmed its earlier resolution adopted in the 9th SAC Meeting and advised the Commission to pursue the matter with the State government to expedite the process of complete unbundling.

b) 180MW Dikhu Hydro Electric Project:

The DPN Officials informed the members that, the required DPR and necessary technical clearance from the CEA are completed for the said project. However, due to certain land owner issue, the implementation of the project could not be commenced. Therefore, the members reiterated its earlier resolution and advised the Commission to obtain the latest status report of the project from Mr. Nuklu Phom, SAC Member and Manlip Konyak, former SAC Member as assigned in the 8th SAC Meeting, so that the matter can be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

c) CGRF & Ombudsman Regulation implementation:

The DPN officials informed that due to fund constraint, department is not in a position to initiate the process till date. Therefore, the members, reiterating its earlier resolution, advised the Commission to pursue with the state government to facilitate the implementation at the earliest.

(2) Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and determination of Tariff for the FY 2016-17.

The Committee examined in depth the ARR & Tariff Petition for FY 2016-17 filed by the Department of Power (Distribution & Revenue) Nagaland, wherein certain anomalies/wrong data entries were detected. Therefore, after a detailed deliberation, the committee resolved and advised the Commission to go ahead with the process of finalization of the said petition based on authentication of actual data.

(3) Power Sector reforms in Nagaland - Under proposed Government of India initiative program on "24x7 POWER FOR ALL" by 2018-19.

Department-wise activities were presented and deliberated.

(a) Power Department:

Er. Keviletou Yiese, SE (R) presented a Power Point presentation on **24x7 POWER FOR ALL**, highlighting the proposed initiatives to be undertaken by the Department and requirement of fund for infrastructural development in terms of Generation, Transmission & Distribution network in Nagaland. He also stated that necessary report in this regards has already been completed but the implementation will only be possible subject to approval/ release of fund by the Gol.

The Members appreciated the presentation and observed that, implementation of the program will improve the present infrastructure and increase power availability in the system. However, it was also observed that, in the delivery system without implementing the standard norms as laid down in the NERC, Regulation (SOP), quality power to consumers can never be achieved, since very often consumers suffer from prolonged power interruption though power is available in the system, merely due to man-power shortage or non-availability of spare-materials etc.

Further, the members deliberated on the high prevalence rate of AT&C losses in the State, which is one of the main reasons causing power sector economically unviable. Such losses are expected to increase further with the implementation of the said program. The members also observed that, State Govt. may not sanction sufficient fund to run the power sector as it is economically unviable, and the power supply will continue to deteriorate more. Therefore, the members suggested that the department should focus on taking strong measures to check this loses.

Considering the above factual aspects, Members advised the Commission to take up the issue with the appropriate authorities.

(b) New & Renewable Energy Department:

Er. Imliakum, Jr. Engineer, representing the Department of New & Renewable Energy, highlighted the initiatives taken on generation from renewable energy and electrification through solar lanterns, SPV home lighting and solar street lights etc. Further, under Solar City Program, Kohima & Dimapur have been selected as solar cities and the department is awaiting sanction from MNRE.

Members suggested that the department put all efforts to explore feasible sites, resources etc for optimum generation of Renewable Energy which is the only alternative option for meeting the power requirement in the state and enable 24x7 power for all.

c) Department of Electrical Inspectorate:

Er. P.T Philip, Sr. Electrical Inspector who represented the Department, apprised the House on the initiatives taken by the department on Energy conservation Program. So far, Department has managed to save 3.8 million units (MU) through various workshops and awareness program.

The members observed that that Chief Electrical Inspectorate has important functions to be performed towards improvement of power supply in the state but is unable to do so because of various reasons. To enable 24x7 Power for all, the department should play a proactive role. SAC members advised the Commission to take up the matter with the appropriate authority.

The Chairman wrapped up the meeting by remarking that the goal can be achieved not only by infrastructural development, but through the active co-operation/co-ordination of all departments under the Power sector. He once again expressed his gratitude and thanks to the members present for making the meeting a successful and fruitful one and requested their continued support and co-operation in the days to come.

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