



**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
FOR MANIPUR AND MIZORAM
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**MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE OF MANIPUR HELD ON 5TH MARCH, 2019 FROM 11 AM AT
REGENCY HALL, HOTEL IMPHAL, IMPHAL.**

The Chairman of the committee, Mr. Lalchharliana Pachuau, Chairperson of the Joint Commission for Manipur & Mizoram chaired the Meeting. The list of members and participants attending the Meeting is appended.

After welcoming the Members and the Invitees, the Chairperson initiated the agenda wise discussion as below:

Agenda No.1. Confirmation on the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the SAC, Manipur held on 19th February, 2018.

Requesting the members to their views and comments on the minutes of the 18th SAC and after obtaining nods from the members, the minutes was declared as confirmed.

Agenda No. 2. Action taken report on the minutes of 18th SAC Meeting, Manipur.

i) Up to date status of action taken regarding installation of reliable meter in 11 kV feeders at all injecting points of MSPDCL and check meters (vide Agenda No. 3 of the minutes of 18th SAC, Manipur).

As per the action taken report furnished by MSPDCL, the up-to-date status of the installation of reliable meter in 11 kV feeder at all injecting points of MSPDCL and check meters as on 31st January, 2019 are as shown below:

**Status of Feeder Meter Installation
(As per MSPDCL record)**

Row Labels	Non RAPDRP	R-APDRP	Grand Total
INCOMING			
Meter	83		83
No Meter	16		16

Replacement Required	6		6
(a)	105		105
OUTGOING			
Meter	79	67	146
No Meter	38		38
Replacement Required	4		4
Grand Total (b)	121	67	188
STATION FEEDERS			
Meter	34		34
No Meter	5		5
Replacement Required	1		1
Grand Total (c)	40		40
Overall Grand Total (a+b+c)	266	67	333

It is decided that reliable meters shall be provided to all the 11 kV incomers of MSPDCL lines within 4 (four) month by MSPCL to enable meter reading of energy injection to MSPDCL and MSPCL shall provide all necessary meters at 132 kV and 33 kV level within 6 months from now. At these 33/11 kV substation which are having RE type construction (ie without panels/control room etc) The interface metering between MSPCL & MSPDCL can be achieved by installing correct rating of CT/PT combination (like that of used in boundary metering with meter as per CEA Meter Regulations) the interface meter should have accuracy class of 0.2S and the CT/PT should be compatible to accuracy class of the meter.

The MD, MSPCL informed the Committee that he shall look into the feasibility of such outdoor metering in Non-Conventional Substations and will achieved metering as committed in line with the foregone commitment.

ii) Action taken towards recovery of outstanding dues or writing off outstanding debt of different Department and installation of pre-paid meters in all Government Offices and residents (vide Agenda No. 4 of the minutes of 18th Meeting of SAC, Manipur).

As per the report given by Mr. L. Priyokumar, MD (MSPDCL), recovery of the outstanding dues of the different Departments is one of the major efforts that MSPDCL takes seriously and there is no plan of writing off the outstanding dues of the different Departments. Disconnection letters were served to all the defaulting Departments. However, it may be noted that the budgetary provision of all Departments for the energy consumed is very meager. A reminder letter to the different Departments to clear all their respective outstanding dues was also served from time to time with a copy to the Principal Secretary (Finance), Government of Manipur vide file no. MSPDCL/ Comml/Govt. Dues 17-18/Letters. The total Govt Outstanding dues as on 31st December 2018 is Rs. 92.35 crores. The Department wise breakup of the Govt. Outstanding Dues is also furnished in the Meeting.

He further stated that the working capacity of a pre-paid meter is limited within 50kW load and so providing pre-paid meters to Government Offices consuming energy through a dedicated transformer with load of above 50kW is not possible.

Separate DTR meters are installed for such cases. Hence installation of pre-paid meters in all Government Offices is not considered mandatory.

In this regard, Dr. Ch Ibohal Meitei, Prof Manipur Institute of Management Studies, Manipur University has stated that the recovery of bad debt is very critical for the running of the company and to put more pressure to the defaulting Department their names should be published in the local domain for more public pressure. This suggestion was also endorsed by Dr. L. Sadananda Singh, General Secretary, Senior Citizens for Society, Manipur. It was also decided that the Commission will write to the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur to take steps for the recovery of the bad debt at the earliest possible time and deduction to be made at source. Mr. L. Manglem Singh, Director, MANIREDA stated that MANIREDA has no outstanding due and the Department are paying bills regularly. It was decided that MSPDCL may come out with the real outstanding dues upto 31st December, 2018. Mr. Nobert Khayi, Social Worker, W.Phungreitang, Ukhrul informed the Committee that in Ukhrul there are hardly 2 / 3 staffs and people has to wait long hours to clear up their dues in the office and requested MSPDCL to look after this matter urgently. He further suggested outsourcing of billing and collection of bill and conducting awareness programme regarding transmission and distribution status in Manipur. Mr. L. Priyokumar informed the members that they have been taking actions to improve billing and payment through internet to sort out various difficulties being faced by the consumers. The Meeting also agreed that MSPDCL should come up with more revenue collection centres.

iii) Reports on energy audit in RAPDRP towns (vide Agenda no. 5 of the minutes of 18th Meeting of SAC, Manipur).

MSPDCL furnished the energy audit report for the month of September, 2018 in RAPDRP Towns. After going through the report, Member of the Commission, Mr. Ng Sarat Singh suggested to improve billing efficiency above 90%. They should take 3 months reading to assess monthly consumption rate. Managing Director, MSPDCL should gear up so that there is no loss in revenue collection. It was again suggested to have joint meter readings at 33 kV and 11 kV Sub Station in presence of both MSPDCL and MSPCL representatives as per the schedule dates well prepared in advance by both of them together for taking the reading.

iv) The latest reconciled status of feeder meter installation at 11 kV feeders in the single line diagram of all the sub-stations showing incoming/outgoing 11 kV feeders. Details of sub-station-wise incoming/outgoing feeders of all voltage levels with meter installation status under MSPCL (vide Agenda No. 9 of the minutes of 19th Meeting of SAC Manipur).

Managing Director, MSPCL Mr. N.Sarat Singh explained in detail the status of metering of 11 kV, 33 kV and 132 kV feeders and furnished the detail network diagram to the Commission and promised that metering in all the 11 kV incoming feeders in all substations will be completed within 2 (two) months and all the outgoing 11 kV feeders will be completed within 6 (six) months.

Agenda 3 : Determination of Retail Tariff of MSPDCL for FY 2019 - 20 and Transmission Tariff of MSPCL for FY 2019 – 20.

The MD, MSPDCL explained in detail the basis of the proposal for the increase of the retail tariff for FY 2019 – 20. Mr. Elangbam Dolendra Singh, Adviser, All Manipur Power Consumer's Association enquired why the Commission always prepare different Tariff rates for Manipur and Mizoram. The Member of the Commission informed him that the situation of Manipur and Mizoram is different and the Commission cannot issue a common tariff for the two States. He further mentioned that the amount of fix charge in the proposed tariff is very high and it should not be increased and in view of huge number of urban poor consumers the proposed tariff is very high and is not agreeable at all. Dr. Ch. Ibohal Meitei has stated that there should not be a tariff shock and a nominal increase in tariff would be accepted by the consumers. He further stated that the MSPDCL should come up with better billing and collection centre by use of social network i.e. internet etc. where the consumers can pay their bills. Mr. Priyokumar, MD, MSPDCL replied that consumers will very soon can pay their dues through internet banking system. The Committee agreed for a small hike in the tariff for FY 2019- 20.

Agenda 4 : Truing Up

The 2 (two) companies has an Annual Audited Accounts for the year up to 2015 – 16 only. Chairman informed them they should take immediate steps for auditing of their accounts without which truing up cannot be a carried one. Both MDs, MSPDCL and MSPCL assured that audited annual accounts shall be made available at least up to FY 2016-17 in the next Tariff Petition.

Agenda 5: Revenue Collection Centre:

The Chairman informed the Committee that on visit by the Commission at faraway places like Chandel, Ukhrul and Senapati for Consumer awareness programmes, the public has informed the Commission that more payment counters are required. This also was affirmed by Mr. Nobert Khayi and he suggested that outsourcing of billing and collection of revenue may be thought of for far-flung areas. Mr. Priyo Kumar, MD, MSPDCL informed the Committee that the Company already have taken steps and franchisee systems will be in operation very soon.

Agenda 6: Subsidy

As per the Electricity Act, 2003 the Government has to specify the specific category of consumer which should be given subsidy. The Government of Manipur has so far not reacted on this matter. MSPDCL shall make proposal to the Government of Manipur for incorporation in their filling of next Tariff Petition.

Agenda 7: Integration of billing system

The Chairman enquired from the MSPDCL whether the different prepaid meters manufactured by different companies could be integrated together. The MSPDCL informed the Committee that with a new software, the system could be integrated now, and there is no difficulty in re-calibrating the machines with new tariff rates.

The Meeting ended at 2:30 PM with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Sd/- LALCHHARLIANA PACHUAU
Chairperson

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3. Secretary, Power Department, Govt. of Manipur for kind information and for taking necessary action on the Minutes of the Meeting.
4. All Members / Invitees of the State Advisory Committee for kind information and for taking necessary action on the Minutes of the Meeting.
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**List of Members and Participants who attended the 19th Meeting of State
Advisory Committee of Manipur**

Date & Time : 5th March, 2019 (Tuesday) 11:00 a.m.

Venue : Hotel Classic Regency Hall, Imphal, Manipur.

MEMBERS:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Er. Lalchharliana Pachuau	Chairperson, JERC (M&M)
2	Er. Ng. Sarat Singh	Member, JERC(M&M)
3	Mr. L.Manglem Singh	Director, MANIREDA, Imphal, Manipur
4	Dr. Ch. Ibohal Meitei	Professor, Manipur Institute of Management Studies, Manipur University
5	D r. L. Sadananda Singh	General Secretary, Senior Citizens for Society, Manipur
6	Mr. Elangbam Dolendra Singh,	Advisor, All Manipur Power Consumers' Association
7	Mr. Nobert Khayi	Social Worker, West Phungreitang, Ukhrul
8	Mr. Rishikumar Singh	President, All Manipur Entrepreneurs Association
9	Mr. M. Brojen Singh	Kakching Wairi Thongam Leikai, Manipur
10	Miss H.Lalthomawi	Advocate, Tipaimukh Road, Hiangtam Lamka, Manipur
11	Mr. R.S.Daikho	Reikhumai Taphou, Senapati, Manipur

SPECIAL INVITEES/INVITEES

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Er. L.Priyokumar	Managing Director, MSPDCL
2.	Er.N. Sarat Singh	Managing Director, MSPCL
3	Er. H.Thanthianga	Assistant Chief (Engineering), JERC (M&M)
4	Mr. Richard Zothankima	Assistant Secretary, JERC (M&M)
5	Mr. L.Dineshkumar Singh	General Manager (SLDC, MSPCL)
6	Mr. N.Dwijen Singh	Executive Director (Civil), MSPCL
7	Ms.Khoisnam Steela	DGM (Comm), SLDC
8	Ms.Tesah Janggougin Khongthang	Manager, LT Cell
9	Ms. Laishram Ritu	DGM (Sys. Opt), SLDC
10	Mr. H.Manimukta Singh	DGM, SLDC
11	Mr.L.Surchandra Singh	Manager, T.D. III
12	Mr. Ranjan .W	Dy. Manager, ED (Tech)
13	Mr. Amit Goenka	Sr. Manager (Deloitte), Consultant, MSPCL
14	Mr. Ng. Birjit Singh	GM, MSPCL
15	Mr. Th. Kaminimohon Singh	GM , Purchase
16	Mr. M.Budhachandra Sharma	GM Substation
17	Mr. K.Jila Singh	General Manager (Commercial), MSPDCL
18	Mr. H.Shantikumar Singh	ED (Tech), MSPCL
19	Mr. Th. Aton Singh	ED, Commercial, MSPDCL
20	Mr. Ng. Subhachandra Sharma	GM Substation
21	Mr. Jaspreet Singh	Consultant
22	Mrs. N.Purnima	Deputy Manager, MSPDCL
23	Mr. Y Dayanta	Manager (Projects), MSPDCL
24	Mr. Sh. Santosh Sharma	Manager, MSPDCL
25	Mr. G. Tapankumar Sharma	Manager MSPCL
26	Mr. S.Kripachariya Singh	DGM, MSPCL