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Ranking & Ninth Annual Integrated Rating: State Distribution Utilities





Ranking & Ninth Annual Integrated Rating of State Power Distribution Utilities as per the Framework approved by Ministry of Power

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Message

Power is a crucial component of infrastructure development, affecting economic growth, national competitiveness and the welfare of the country. The Indian power sector has taken giant strides in the last few years on many fronts such as augmentation of generation and transmission capacities, strengthening of rural & urban electricity infrastructure including village & household electrification and providing thrust to development of renewable power.

Government of India have instituted, several flagship programs to create an efficient, resilient and financially robust power sector which would promote investment, growth and employment in India. All villages have been connected to the distribution network and electrification of all households has been completed in all States. As a result of the above steps a recent survey has shown that the availability of power in rural areas across the country has gone up from 12 hours in 2015 to 20 hours today, and in the urban areas it has gone up from 18 hours to 23/24 hours. India has transformed itself from a power deficit country to an exporter of power. We have achieved the target of One Nation-One Grid- One Frequency with the addition of Transmission Lines of 1.52 lakh ckm. Going beyond infrastructure creation and bridging supply side gaps, the Government has also focussed on consumer empowerment. The recently notified "Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020" is a step in this direction. This major initiative will put consumer at the centre-stage, and is an important step towards improving Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business across the country.

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A strong and efficient power distribution sector is the key to the performance and viability of the power sector. The State Power Sector entities play a pivotal role in power distribution in India. Govt. of India is supporting States for strengthening the Distribution system necessary for providing 24x7 power supply to all households through DDUGJY & IPDS. In what was the biggest programme in the world for expanding access to electricity, we have electrified 28 Million households in a short time-frame under our Saubhagya Programme. As a part of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', Gol is supporting the power sector through liquidity infusion to enable the sector to maintain power supplies, in the challenging aftermath of pandemic. A Reforms-based and Resultslinked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme has recently been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs with an aim to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of all State DISCOMs/ Power Department. The Scheme envisages providing financial assistance to DISCOMs for strengthening and modernizing the supply infrastructure. States may access funds under the scheme for strengthening their Distribution systems. Where the Distribution Companies are in losses, the States will be able to draw funds under the scheme only if they institute measures to reduce these losses. Therefore, the funding is reforms linked. There has already been improvement in the performance of DISCOMs. This scheme will take the improvements further.

I am happy that the Ninth Annual Integrated Rating exercise covering 41 State Power Distribution Utilities for the rating period FY 2019-20 has been completed with the enthusiastic participation of all the utilities. I congratulate all stakeholders, especially the state distribution utilities for their active role and support in successfully completing the Ninth Annual Integrated rating exercise despite the ongoing pandemic. The Indian Power sector will benefit from a fair and accurate assessment of the true position of the distribution sector and which in turn will help in assessing and improving its performance. This will also assist State Governments, lending institutions and other stakeholders to take important decisions.

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केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री, भारी उद्योग और ऊर्जा मंत्रालय भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND POWER GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI



कृषि, औदयोगिक और अन्य क्षेत्रों के साथ-साथ अर्थव्यवस्था के सभी क्षेत्रों का विकास सुनिश्चित करने के लिए एक दक्ष, सुदृढ़ और वितीय रूप से संधारणीय विदयुत क्षेत्र आवश्यक है। भारत सरकार सभी घरों, उदयोगों और अन्य विदयुत उपभोग करने वाली संस्थाओं को गुणवता और विश्वसनीय विदयुत की निर्बाध आपूर्ति के साथ ही कृषि क्षेत्र को पर्याप्त विदयुत आपूर्ति करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।

यद्यपि देश में विदयुत उत्पादन और पारेषण क्षेत्रों में उल्लेखनीय सुधार हुआ है, राज्य विदयुत संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) के प्रमुत्व वाले वितरण क्षेत्र में वांछित परिणाम प्राप्त करने के लिए इस पर और ध्यान देने और निरंतर मॉनीटरिंग की आवश्यकता है।

भारत सरकार ने विद्युत क्षेत्र में आत्मनिर्भर भारत अभियान के तहत 1.25 लाख करोड़ रुपये की लिक्विडिटी इन्फ्यूज़न योजना की घोषणा की। इस योजना के तहत बिजली क्षेत्र के लिए कोविड-19 महामारी के कठिन समय में बिजली उत्पादन कंपनियों / बिजली वितरण कंपनियों द्वारा आपूर्ति की गई बिजली के वितरण को बनाए रखने के लिए डिस्कॉम्स के बोझ को कम किया।

इन्हीं सुधारों की कड़ी में भारत सरकार ने 3.03 लाख करोड़ रुपये की सुधार-आधारित और परिणाम-से जुड़ी, पुर्नात्थान वितरण क्षेत्र योजना को स्वीकृति दे दी है। इस योजना का उददेश्य बिजली आपूर्ति बुनियादी ढांचे को मजबूत करने के लिए राज्य डिस्कॉम्स को सशर्त वितीय सहायता प्रदान करते हुए उनकी परिचालन क्षमता और वितीय स्थिरता में सुधार करना है। यह सहायता पूर्व-योग्यता मानदंडों को पूरा करने के साथ-साथ वितीय सुधारों से जुड़े निर्धारित मूल्यांकन ढांचे के आधार पर डिस्कॉम्स द्वारा बुनियादी स्तर पर न्यूनतम मानकों की उपलब्धि हासिल करने पर आधारित होगी।

मैं आशा करता हूँ कि भारत सरकार की उपरोक्त योजनाओं से राज्य वितरण क्षेत्र में सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ेगा और सुधार कार्यक्रम को गति मिलेगी।

वितरण क्षेत्र वास्तव में विद्युत क्षेत्र की मूल्य श्रृंखला में एक महत्वपूर्ण कड़ी है क्यॉकि यह अंतिम उपभोक्ताओं को सेवा प्रदान करता है और इस क्षेत्र को बनाए रखने के लिए समय राजस्व के लिए जिम्मेदार है। राज्य विद्युत वितरण संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) का समग कार्य-निष्पादन विविध कारकों के परिणामस्वरूप चिंता का विषय है। इसे प्राप्त करने के लिए सभी सम्बंधित पक्षधारको द्वारा समन्वित प्रयास आवश्यक हैं और एकीकृत रेटिंग और रैंकिंग उस दिशा में किए गए प्रमुख प्रयासों में से एक है।

मुझे यह जानकर खुशी है कि विदयुत मंत्रालय दवारा तैयार की गई एकीकृत रेटिंग कार्यप्रणाली के तहत राज्य विदयुत वितरण संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) की रैंकिंग और नौवीं वार्षिक रेटिंग का कार्य पूर्ण हो चुका है।

राज्य विद्युत वितरण संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) की रॅंकिंग और रेटिंग से कार्य-निष्पादन के वास्तविक मूल्यांकन में सुविधा होगी और वितरण संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) की प्रचालन संबंधों और वितीय दक्षता में सुधार करने में मदद मिलेगी। इस कार्यप्रणाली में उपयोग किए गए पैरामीटर और उनके मापदंड, विद्युत संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) की स्वयं की तुलना करने और कार्य-निष्पादन को बेहतर बनाने और इसे बनाए रखने के लिए लक्ष्य निर्धारित करने के लिए दिशानिर्देश के रूप में काम करते हैं। रैंकिंग और रेटिंग से बैंकों और वितीय संस्थाओं को इन विद्युत संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) का वित्तपोषण करते समय एक सुसंगत एवं अनुकूल दृष्टिकोण अपनाने में मदद मिलेगी।

में राज्य विदयुत वितरण विदयुत संस्थाओं (यूटिलिटीज) की रैंकिंग और नौवीं एकीकृत रेटिंग के कार्य को सफलतापूर्वक पूरा करने में सक्रिय भूमिका और समर्थन के लिए विदयुत मंत्रालय, राज्य विदयुत वितरण (यूटिलिटीज), पीएफसी और आरईसी के अधिकारियों को बधाई देता हं।

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Message

Power sector plays a vital role in the economic development of the country. Although the sector has undergone a transformational change in power generation and transmission, there is a need for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution in the Distribution Utilities wherein States have to play a major role.

Government of India has implemented various schemes like IPDS, Saubhagya, DDUGJY, UDAY, etc. for overall development and improvement of the distribution sector. For improving health of the State Distribution utilities in the country, the Central Government has also offered financial packages to the Discoms from time to time in the past.

Although several reforms have been undertaken, turnaround of the power sector did not happen as anticipated as the envisaged interventions did not take place at the desired pace. In order to enhance the financial sustainability and operational efficiency of the Discoms, Government of India has approved a Reforms-based and Results-linked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme worth Rs. 3.03 trillion to enable the Discoms to reform, perform and transform into modern Discoms. The scheme will provide financial assistance to strengthen the infrastructure of Discoms which will be linked to meeting pre-qualifying criteria and upon achievement of minimum benchmarks under annual evaluation framework.

Ministry of Power had formulated the Integrated Rating Methodology in July 2012 to enable annual assessment of state power distribution utilities' performance on a wide range of parameters. It also undertakes a periodic review of the Integrated Rating Methodology from time to time for bringing about improvements based on the suggestions received from utilities and other stakeholders and also keeping in view various developments in the sector.





It is important that due tariff subsidy and pending government dues are realized timely as lack of it causes an adverse impact on the AT&C loss levels and viability of the Discoms. I am happy to note that the importance of AT&C losses and payment of Government dues and due subsidy have been recognized and due weightage has been assigned in the current Integrated Rating Methodology.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Ninth Annual Integrated Rating exercise covering 41 State Power Distribution Utilities for the rating period FY 2019-20 has been completed despite challenges faced during ongoing pandemic, with the active co-operation and support of all the utilities. I am sure that the valuable data incorporated in the Ninth Annual Integrated Rating exercise would provide deeper insights on the performance against various technical as well as financial parameters and assist the management of the utilities to achieve higher operational efficiency and financial self-sustainability.

In line with the on-going initiatives, an exercise for comprehensive review of the existing Integrated Rating framework has also been initiated. I am sure that the proposed Discoms Consumer Service Rating and the 10th edition of Integrated Rating of Discoms shall contribute a great deal in the overall reform of the power sector especially the Discoms which are at the foundation of the power sector value chain.

I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts made by the officials of Ministry, PFC and State Distribution Utilities in making this rating exercise successful.

(Alok Kumar)

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