

8.2 Savings under various components of this Scheme (GBS) will be fungible across all parts of the Scheme with the approval of the Monitoring Committee .

8.3 Counterpart funding will be provided to DISCOMs by PFC/REC and/or Banks/other FIs. Further, counterpart funding from bilateral/multilateral funding agencies can also be leveraged for which Government of India would extend benefits of reduced Government Guarantee fee.

9. The performance of the DISCOMs in the Reforms Based Results Linked Revamped Distribution Scheme would also form integral part of the financing norms of PFC, REC, Banks/FI's for any project in the Distribution Sector even beyond those related to funding under this Scheme.

10. Monitoring Committee:

10.1 An inter-ministerial Monitoring Committee for the Scheme will be constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Power. The Monitoring Committee will frame and approve all operational guidelines, sanction all Action Plans & DPRs of DISCOMs / States and proposals/DPRs under Part B, and review and monitor implementation of Scheme including review of Third-Party Mid-Term Evaluation of the Scheme carried out by the Nodal Agency.

10.2 The Monitoring Committee will also approve scope of works and take necessary decisions for operationalization of various components of the Scheme and amendments thereof, within the framework approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). The Monitoring Committee will also be competent to modify the scope of works under various parts of the Scheme in line with the objectives of the Scheme.

10.3 The maximum marks and targets for individual parameters in Result Evaluation framework may differ for each year of evaluation .The result evaluation framework would be different for each DISCOM and would be fixed for each year depending on the cumulative performance as well as the annual performance. The funds for a particular year in respect of Infrastructure Works would be released in respect of a DISCOM for a particular year only after it has been found to have fulfilled the pre-qualifying criteria and its total weighted score is at least 60 marks on the result evaluation matrix after having been evaluated by the Nodal Agency and approved as

such by the Monitoring Committee . Evaluation of parameters relating to financial accounts shall be based on audited quarterly / annual accounts .

11. REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) would be the Nodal Agencies for the Scheme and would be responsible for operationalization of Scheme in the entire country.

12. The State Governments and their DISCOMs will sign a Tripartite Agreement with the Central Government before availing benefits under the Scheme.

13. The duration of the Scheme is 5 years (FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26). The sunset date for the Scheme will be 31.03.2026.

14. The Nodal Agencies will submit monthly progress report indicating both financial and physical progress on the implementation of the Scheme to Ministry of Power and CEA.

15. The detailed guidelines for the implementation of the Scheme will be issued separately.

16. The expenditure under the Scheme would be debited to the budget grant no. 78 of Ministry of Power.

17. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Branch of the Ministry of Power vide their Dy. No. 379/Fin./2021 dated 20.07.2021.

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Annexure - I

Details of Part – ‘A’ and Part – ‘B’ of Scheme

Part- ‘A’ of Scheme – Funding for Smart Metering

Item Head	Item Description	Quantity	GBS, % (Max)
A-1	Prepaid Smart metering solution including at consumer, DT, and feeder level including integration of existing infrastructure	25 crore	15% / 22.5% (limited upto Rs.900 or Rs.1350 respectively per meter for Consumer metering)###
A-2	Other costs including encumbrance free standardized billing modules for all States, data management, data analytics, and support to implementation, AI etc.	Lumpsum	100%

Part- ‘A’ of Scheme – Funding for Infrastructure Creation

Item Head	Item Description	Quantity Estimated
A-3	Segregation of agriculture feeders	10,000 Nos.
A-4	Replacement of existing LT Overhead bare conductor lines with AB Cable / HVDS in theft prone areas	4,00,000 Kms
A-5	Distribution Automation in Urban Areas	
A-5.1	SCADA/DMS in Big cities, having population >2.75 lakh, including opex for 2 years	100 Nos.
A-5.2	SCADA (Real Time Supervision & Controllability of Sub-station) including opex for 2 years	3875 Nos.
A-6	Funding for distribution infrastructure including HVDS, IT and OT in Distribution Sector, Feeders, conductors, Transformers, cables, substations, feeders, capacitors etc. to cater to load growth and increasing demand	As required

Part- ‘B’ of Scheme

Item Head	Item Description	Quantity	Outlay (Rs. Crore)	GBS % (Max)	GBS(Rs. Crore)
B-1	Augmentation of Smart Grid Knowledge center including AI	-	30	100%	30
B-2	Training / Capacity building/ Awards and incentives	-	200	100%	200
B-3	Reforms support in form of consultancy		200	100%	-200*
B-4	Nodal agency fee, MoP enabling activities and PMA charges**	-	1,000	100%	1000
Sub-Total (Part-B):			1,430		1,030

**Amount for reform support in form of consultancy may be taken State Governments and utilized for the Scheme.*

***Approximately 1% of the estimated GBS for Part A for smart metering and Infra creation.*

For Part A – Prepaid Smart metering in “Other than Special Category States”, a fixed amount of Rs 900 per consumer meter or 15% of the cost per consumer meter worked out for the whole project, whichever is lower, would be funded. In case of “Special Category States”, a fixed amount of Rs 1350 per consumer meter or 22.5% of the cost per consumer meter worked out for the whole project, whichever is lower, would be funded. To incentivize the States/UTs for deployment of prepaid Smart meters by December, 2023. An incentive @ 7.5% of the cost per consumer meter worked out for the whole project or Rs. 450 per consumer meter, whichever is lower, would be provided for “Other than Special Category States” for prepaid Smart meters installed within the targeted timeline of first phase mission i.e. by December, 2023. The incentive for Special Category States would be @ 11.25% of the cost per consumer meter worked out for the whole project or Rs. 675 per consumer meter, whichever is lower. The incentive would be met out of overall provision of GBS for Smart Metering under the Scheme (Rs. 23,300 crore) along with expected cost reduction benefits arising out of economies of scale looking to the large-scale deployment of prepaid Smart meters in first phase, similar to the huge reduction in price experienced in large scale use of LED bulbs and solar power.