



Minutes of 16th State Advisory Committee Meeting, held on

Saturday, 22nd February, 2014

The 16th meeting of the State Advisory Committee (SAC), was held on 22nd February, 2014, in the Conference Hall of the Commission, at Jaipur, under the chairmanship of Shri D.C. Samant, Chairman, RERC. The list of the participants is appended at **Annexure-1**.

Shri G.K.Sharma, Secretary, RERC, while mentioning that the Agenda for this meeting had already been circulated on 18.02.2014, welcomed the members in the meeting and initiated the proceedings of the 16th SAC meeting. At the outset Sh. G.K.Sharma said that this was the last SAC meeting under the chairmanship of Shri D.C. Samant, who was to demit his office shortly. He placed on record the exemplary work carried out by Shri Samant with some landmark decisions followed by other Commissions also. He stated that the significant contribution by Shri Samant for the Commission will always be cherished.

Shri R.G. Gupta, Chairman, Discoms also appreciated the unbiased and logical approach adopted by Shri Samant, while discharging his duties.

Sh K.L. Jain, of Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce & Industries, recalled his three decade old association with Shri D.C. Samant and said that all along, he was a committed and dedicated officer.

Item no 16/1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee

Secretary, RERC intimated that the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Committee had been circulated on 08.05.2013. He mentioned that no comments were received on the minutes. As such, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 15th SAC meeting.

Item no 15/2: Action Taken Report

The follow-up action taken, in respect of the decisions, taken in the 15th meeting of the Committee, was discussed pointwise, and the latest status was deliberated upon, amongst the members, as under:

ATR - 5% Rebate for defective meters :

Sh. R.G. Gupta expressed opinion that an inbuilt mechanism be in place, for passing such rebate.

The MD JVVNL intimated that software, which is common for all the three Discoms, is being prepared.

Chairman RERC instructed to look into the matter & take appropriate action to ensure that required rebate is automatically passed on to the consumers.

ATR - Non-compliance of Intra State ABT Regulations :

Chairman enquired about progress on this issue, whereupon, CE, RVPN informed that since only one firm had turned up, after revising the qualifying requirement, therefore, new tenders are being invited to make Central Billing Station, functional.

Sh. K.L. Vyas, said that it is a joint responsibility of STU & SLDC.

Chairman, RERC advised to speed- up the process.

ATR - Updation of TCS by the Discoms :

MD, Jaipur VVNL intimated that it has been published.

ATR - Issuing of Consumer Charter by Discoms:

MD, Jaipur VVNL intimated that it has been published.

ATR - Recovery of compounding charges and assessment amount in case of theft :

The matter regarding manner of implementing Commission's decision, was discussed at length.

Sh. R.G. Gupta informed that it is contemplated to be incorporated in the Supply Code, through an amendment.

ATR - On Standards of Performance, Chairman, RERC mentioned that the Regulations shall shortly be notified but framing of these SoP Regulations has been a challenge to the Commission & that is why, it has been prepared rather cautiously. The Commission has also taken care of the ground realities of Discoms' infrastructure. He extorted the Discoms to accept the challenge & implement it.

ATR - Additional Agenda Item of Shri P.N.Bhandari relating to single phase connection to telecom towers by extending 5 KW limit to 10 KW :

Shri K.L. Vyas opposed the basic proposal, stressing that it will lead to unprecedented increase in losses & will also be detrimental for the system.

Sh. A.K. Gupta, MD, JVVNL informed that the proposal is for HT connection & not for LT. Only metering will be at LT, otherwise for all practical purposes, it will be a HT connection.

Item no. 16/4: Suggestions by Sh. K.L. Jain, vide his communication dated 22.01.14 :

Sh. K.L. Jain suggested that there are many types of charges which are being levied through the Electricity Bills. Such kind of practice should be stopped and such charges should be billed separately. Some members pointed out that due to such charges, the electricity tariff also looks escalated.

Sh. R.G. Gupta, Chairman, Discoms expressed concern that if other charges are billed separately, public may be inclined to pay only the electricity charges.

Sh. K.L. Jain expressed fears that by charging such other charges through Electricity Bills, the Discoms may be required to pay service tax on these elements.

Chairman, Discoms consented to look into this aspect.

Sh. K.L. Jain also suggested that the Distribution Companies should advertise regarding the relief granted to the consumers against their different claims like excess billing, loss caused due to interruptions & excess reading of consumption, which was agreed to, by the Chairman, Discoms.

Item no. 16/5: Suggestions by Sh. D.S. Agarwal, vide his communication dated 29.01.14:

Sh. D.S. Agarwal asked about the progress of the Discoms on the metering of the Agriculture consumers. MD, JVVNL informed that Discoms are making every effort to complete the task. Secretary (Energy) emphasised that metering should be on the top priority list of the Discoms & there should not be any compromise on metering. Chairman RERC desired that defective meter(s) should be replaced in scheduled time period.

Item no. 16/6: Suggestions by the North Western Railway, vide his communication dated 29/30.01.14

CEGE Railways requested for a system of payment of Bills through RTGS/NEFT to DISCOM as per guidelines, which was agreed to, by the Discoms.

Item no. 16/7: Suggestions/comments by the Additional Director Agriculture, Jaipur, vide his communication dated 4.02.14

Additional Director (Agriculture) mentioned about some grievances of the farmers, related to tripping & irregular supply, to which the



Chairman, Discoms stated that every effort was being made to ensure regular and uninterrupted supply to agriculture consumers. The Secretary, Energy suggested that the farmers be educated, inter-alia, about three or five star rated motors, for their pump sets.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

