

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD
WITH POWER DEPARTMENT HELD ON 19.07.2007 IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM YOJANA BHAVAN.**

Members and Officers present at Annexure – ‘A’.

The meeting was chaired by Shri S.C. Marak, Chairman, State Planning Board.

At the outset the Department briefed the Board on the present power scenario and its plan for development of the power sector in the State. The existing installed capacity of HEP in the State is 185 MW. Taking into account the central allocation from NER and ER Power Grid, the State is still having a power shortage of 260 MW during the monsoon period which compels the department to resort to bilateral purchase of power from the Grid involving a substantial amount of expenditure.

The power demand forecasted is 796 MW by the end of the 11th Plan and 1281 MW by the end of the 12th Plan. A Perspective Plan covering a list of projects to be implemented during the 11th Plan and 12th Plan is underway to address the power shortage in the State. During the 11th Plan the Department have asked the Government to provide Rs. 800 crores Equity through ACA or DONER out of the total investment of Rs. 2400 crores. The balance amount will be financed by financial institutions like REC, NABARD, HUDCO etc.

The Chief Secretary is of the view that demand for power may likely rush up by industrialization. The Department should ensure that there is no slippage in the implementation of the projects as it may indirectly affect growth of industries in the State. In view of poor transmission lines the Department must keep a time frame for completion of Transmission schemes to enable the State to draw its full share from the Grid.

During the course of discussion it transpires that

- (1) The Draft State Power Policy was submitted to the Government.
- (2) Public-Private Partnership for implementation of some projects is under consideration taking into account the long term interests of the State.
- (3) The Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Govt. of Meghalaya and the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for implementation of the coal based thermal project at Nangalbibra has been submitted by the NEEPCO to the Govt. of Meghalaya and the same is under examination.
- (4) The total package of central assistance under APDRP is Rs. 227 crores. Till date Rs. 190 crores has been received including Rs. 100 crores during 2007-2008.

Enquiring on non-inclusion under State Plan of the three Projects viz. New Umtru, Umngot and Ganol the Department clarified that State Plan funds are mainly channelised towards the Leshka Project, hence funding for the three projects will be taken up under NLCPR. The Department assured that these projects will be completed within 3 years.

In conclusion the Chairman asked the Department to send a copy of the Draft State Power Policy to the Members State Planning Board.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

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(S.C. Marak)
Chairman,
State Planning Board.