

**Meeting To Discuss Present Financial Position and Ways to Improve the Overall Status
of Electricity Sector in Rajasthan
22nd February 2016, Vidyut Bhawan, Jaipur**



Jaipur Vidyut Vitaran Nigam with the help of CUTS-CART facilitated meeting held at Vidyut Bhawan, Jaipur to discuss present financial position and ways to improve the overall status of electricity sector in Rajasthan on January 22, 2016.

DS along with DC and DPR represented CUTS-CART at the meeting held at Vidyut Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur on January 22, 2016. Besides, two networkers Hari Prasad Yogi from Sawai Madhopur and Atma Ram Sharma from Jobner, Jaipur accompanied CUTS team in the meeting.

Objective

The meeting was organised with the objective to discuss present financial position and ways to improve the overall status of electricity sector in Rajasthan through a presentation prepared by Jaipur Vidyut Vitaran Nigam. The main objectives of the meeting were:

- To introduce the Electricity Area to various organisations and representatives focussing on:
 - Capacity of state to generate electricity
 - Sectors of consumer and electricity consumption by them
- To present Scenario focussing on:
 - Negative impact at present
 - Situation in comparison to other states
 - Reasons for loss of revenue
 - Distribution Per Unit and differences in revenue
- To share action plan for reforms focussing on:
 - Depreciation in electricity and use of information technology
 - Better facilities to consumers
 - Employees working conditions and their and participation
 - State's participation in Central Government's Schemes

Proceedings

The welcome and introduction of meeting was given by Mr. T S Sharma, Supt. Engineer (MIS), Jaipur Discom and he also shared a presentation, which was prepared by Jaipur Vidyut Vitaran Nigam, the highlights of the presentation were:

- Introduction of Electricity Sector of Rajasthan.
- Capacity of State to generate electricity.
- Sector wise situation of electricity consumers.
- Sector wise consumption of electricity.
- Past 6 years drawbacks situations.
- Losses incurred by Rajasthan in comparison to other states in last year.
- Loss per connection in comparison with other states.
- Situation of present loss situation and reasons for rapid increase in the losses.
- Reasons on how did the situation became so worse.
- Resources for meeting the demands for electricity.
- Increase in the interest per unit of various sectors by Jaipur discom.
- Collection of tariff in last 10 years in comparison to other states.
- Increase in consumption by subsidised sectors, which limited the Cross-Subsidy Sector.
- Analysis of ACS-ARR in the year 2014-15.
- Action Plan for improvements in electricity sector focussing on:



- Decrease in depreciation
- Increase in collection of Revenue
- Demand Side Management
- Unnecessary use of property and resources
- Tariff amendments
- Better facilities to consumers
- Employees working

- conditions and their participation
- State's participation in Central Government's Schemes
- Solutions to decrease depreciation of electricity.
 - Metering on Feeder and D.T. level.
 - Consumer indexing.
 - Increase of participation from Private Sector – processes to a lot franchises.

Sh. Pushpendra Singh, State Energy Minister was present at the meeting and after the presentation the representatives and members from various organisations were asked to state, the problems faced by them at different levels.

Summary of suggestions given by representatives of various organisations:



- Meters that are not working properly should be replaced and returned to manufacturing company.

- Electricity supply should not be cut without informing the citizens. They should be informed at least 2-3 days before.

- Transformers that are burnt should be replaced immediately in rural areas.

- Meter reading, billing and cash collection should be done by members of electricity department.

- Strict action to be initiated against the person stealing

electricity.

Besides, there was a work plan of Electricity Companies

- To increase in collection of revenue
- To make distribution of 74 lakh LED Lights for reservation of electricity
- To sale unwanted property and land.
- To buy of electricity for low rates
- To deliver better services to consumers
- To participate in schemes of Central Government

The meeting adjourned around 6 P. M. with a note from Sh. Pushpendra Singh, Hon'ble State Energy Minister to hold similar meetings on quarterly basis.

Highlights

Representatives of various organisations and members from industrial, private and government sector came together to work for a very important issue which is faced by Power Sector of the state. All of them were very serious and wanted to work collectively in lifting the sector out of the debt. CUTS was shown as a co-partner in the meeting in all the sign boards displayed there.

Lowlights

Though there were many persons attending the meeting and wanted to speak about the concern the time slot allotted to each member was only two minutes. Due to which there was dissonance among the people.