

MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING OF POWER DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND TELECOM SERVICE PROVIDERS CONDUCTED ON 13-01-2021 AT 05.00 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF OLD SECRETARIAT WITH CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER IN THE CHAIR

List of attendees: Enclosed as Annexure

At the outset, the Chief Electoral Officer welcomed all the officers present in the meeting and stated that as announcement of elections has been made, there is an urgent need of uninterrupted Power Supply and stable network coverage during State Assembly Elections 2022. The issues of each concerned Department/Agency were discussed as follows: -

1). Power: -

The problems and challenges faced by various Districts were highlighted including inconsistent Power supply, inadequate Manpower stationed with Power Department Centers, inordinate delay in power restoration, frequent and critical communication failure due to Power failure. The CEO has asked the support of Power Department in ensuring 24x7 Power uninterrupted Power Supply generally during the entire Election period particularly at all district HQs from P-2 to P+1 days throughout the State. It was requested that DISCOM may ensure that last mile electricity connectivity to all Polling stations, wherever possible, by taking necessary maintenance activity.

The Director, MANIREDA was requested to look into repairing and maintenance(including replacement of Batteries, wherever necessary) of all Solar Panels installed in District HQ and Critical Locations, which would act as a Auxiliary source during the Poll Day.

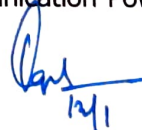
The MSPDCL/MSPCL has committed to setup 24x7 Central Control Room and District Control Room and the same will be communicated to the Office of CEO and DEO at the earliest. It was requested by the Managing Directors of both MSPDCL and MSPCL that many of their manpower and Vehicles are utilized/requisitioned in Election Duties and they may be exempted to ensure better response time for attending Power related problems during Election period.

CEO has affirmed that 50% of the field employees will be exempted from Poll duties, by listing Power as an essential Service, and wherever possible, the necessary minimum number of requisitioned vehicles be released to make sure Power Department functions are not affected critically and the same is emphasized and communicated to the DEOs.

2) Telecom Service Providers:

It was highlighted that many Hill Districts lack proper Telephone network coverage especially in far flung areas and international borders, and frequent loss of network in District Headquarters of hill Districts.

All Telecom Service providers (Airtel, JIO, BSNL, and Vodafone) are requested to ensure last-mile connectivity of Polling Stations, wherever possible. It was instructed that the Diesel generator Sets be kept in readiness along with required fuel for the entire period of Election and P-3 till P+1 in particular, as a proper backup for the Communication Power



feed. The Gensets should necessarily be operationalized during power cuts so that there is no loss of network in the State.

3) Department of Telecommunication:

They were asked to come up with Tele Density Map of the Manipur State and Polling Station wise Communication availability chart with PS specific Data/Network connectivity details. They were requested to coordinate with the Telecom service providers to ensure continuous network connectivity as discussed above.

Secretary Power assured that all possible coordination will be provide by the Power Department to ensure uninterrupted Power supply during the Assembly Elections 2022. The Officials of DoT and Telecom providers has also promised to extend all possible efforts in ensuring consistent network coverage all over the State, especially in HQs and Polling Stations and Routes of the Polling Team/Sector Teams.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks from the chair.



(Rajesh Agrawal)
Chief Electoral Officer,
Manipur

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Imphal, the 13-01-2022

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary (Election), Government of Manipur
2. The Secretary, Power, Government of Manipur
3. All Deputy Commissioners/ District Electoral Officers *with a direction to coordinate with Engineers of Power Department, Director/MANIREDA and Telecom providers at the District level.*
4. All Superintendent of Police
5. The MD, MSPDCL
6. The MD, MSPCL
7. The Director, MANIREDA


(N. Praveen Singh)
Addl. Chief Electoral Officer,
Manipur

Preparedness meeting with Power Department &
Telecom Service Providers, 13th Jan., 2022

Attendance Sheet :

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3. Ratanjay Khuman
4. Devul Saxena
5. W. Suraj Singh
6. H. Kojit H. B. B. B.
7. P. Farnow Singh
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