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### **MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF MIZORAM**

Venue : Aijal Club, Conference Hall, Aizawl.  
Date & Time : 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Tuesday), 11:00 a.m.

The list of members and participants who attended the meeting is appended.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Benjamin L. Tlumtea, Chairperson of the Commission, who welcomed the members and special invitees. Miss Lalchanchinmawii, Assistant Secretary of the Commission, conducted the introduction of members and special invitees. The agenda items were discussed as follows:

#### **Agenda 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SAC held on 13.03.2024**

The Chairman sought the members' input on any concerns or objections regarding the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting. Upon receiving doubts on some point and clarifications thereon and affirmation, the minutes were formally confirmed.

#### **Agenda 2 : Review of action taken on the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of SAC.**

- (1) **Public Awareness and Vigilance report etc:** It was noted that the recommendation from the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to constitute a Co-ordination Committee between the Power & Electricity (P&E) Department and the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC) for street light maintenance in Aizawl City had not yet been fulfilled. Mr. Lalremruata Kullai, Joint Commissioner, AMC informed the committee that a Co-ordination committee between AMC and P&E Department had been formed for better management and operation of Street lights in Aizawl city and first meeting is scheduled to be held on Dt.17.03.2025. After discussions, it was agreed to include Chief Engineer (SO), P&E Department and a representative from the Smart City Cell, UD&PA as a special invitee. It was also recommended that Awareness programme for all LC members in Aizawl may be conducted by AMC. Moreover, the meeting decided that Street lights performance report at Villages may be compiled and reported to next SAC meeting by LAD. Mr. Malsawmdawngliana, Joint Secretary, P&E Department, emphasized the need for greater public awareness that the maintenance of street lights falls under the responsibility of LAD and AMC ( not the P&E Department) as stipulated in the Electricity Supply Code.
- (2) **Prepaid Metering and Smart metering:** As invited by the Chairman, Er. Lalnithanga, Engineer-in-chief, P&ED informed the meeting that Prepaid Smart Metering project will cover all consumers in the state under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) subsuming pilot project at Zarkawt Feeder and Letter of Award had been issued to the Contractor. As some members raised concern about connectivity issues, Er. Lalnithanga clarified that GSM(SIM)/RF/PLCC/OPGW communication technology will be used as per feasibility. He also informed the meeting that Government consumers including PHED will be covered in the first phase of the Smart metering project with a target completion date of March, 2026 for the whole project.



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- (3) **Meter Testing Facilities:** P&ED reported that there are 6 portable meter testing kits ( viz. 1 no each in Darlawn PSD, Champhai Power PSD, DSD-III, Mamit PD and 2 nos in MRT S/D Aizawl). Er. Lalnithanga, Engineer-in-chief, P&ED informed the meeting that no new procurement is being proposed since the Contractor (AMISP) of RDSS Smart metering project will be taking care of procurement of Meters, Meters testing, installation and replacement of smart meters for the coming 10 years. Therefore, already procured portable meter testing kits will be efficiently used for current requirement until successfully completion of the RDSS Smart Meter Project.

**Agenda 3: Agenda submitted by Mr. Thanglura, President, MCU & Member, SAC.**

- (i) **Suggestion to discuss whether the provision of Electricity bill rebate due to frequent disruption can be incorporated in the regulations or Supply code.**

As invited by the Chairman, Mr. Thanglura elaborated his request to discuss whether the provision of Electricity bill rebate due to frequent disruption can be incorporated in the regulations or Supply code as Mizoram consumers especially in Aizawl district are suffering from frequent power supply disruption for an hour or more for almost every day. P&ED replied that such kind of rebate provision is not seen in regulations or Supply code. Er. Lalnithanga, Engineer-in-chief, P&ED reported that most of power disruption these days in Aizawl area is due to ongoing RDSS work. Moreover, he informed the meeting that some of the crucial Sub-stations are provided alternative source, various steps including new equipment/technologies are being taken and introduced in the Transmission & Distribution level to minimize power disruption. Meanwhile, Forum of Regulators (FOR) is being considering Automatic Compensation system as per MoP directives. Er.H.Thanthianga, Assistant Chief (Engineering), MZERC, clarified that Standard of Performance Regulations allow for compensation claims if there is a default in performance of the distribution licensee in line with the provisions of Clause 13 of Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules, 2020 and the Commission is working to expedite the implementation of this provision.

- (ii) **Suggestion to discuss the possibility inclusion of online application for Service connection and online payment of connection fee in the Regulations/Supply Code.**

Mr. Thanglura elaborated the necessity and importance of his suggestion as requested by the Chairman. The Commission (MZERC) replied that provision of Online application for service connection & online payment of connection fee is already incorporated in Clause 7 of Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and Clause 3 of JERC (Electricity Supply Code) 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment Regulations, 2022 adopted by MZERC. P&ED also informed that current SAP billing Software is already developed with online application for service connection & online payment of connection fee. Besides, new billing Software under IT/OT in RDSS will be featured with better online application for service connection & online payment of connection fee facilities.



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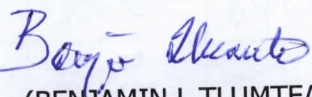
**Suggestion to discuss how far action has been taken for corporatization of Power sector.**

The Chairman requested P&E Dept to give a report on progress of Corporatization proposal. P&E Dept reported that a consultant (ASCII, Hyderabad) for corporatization was engaged and a report had been submitted to State Govt. After that, Unbundling/Restructuring proposal was also submitted to State Govt and no reply had been received from the State Govt. on these reports/proposals. P&E Deptt also elaborated the advantages, disadvantages and feasibility of Corporatization along with status of neighboring NE States. The Chairman informed the meeting that besides the provision mentioned in Electricity Act, 2003 and directives from MoP on corporatization, as per MoA of APDRP Scheme signed between Govt. of Mizoram and Govt. of India, P&E Deptt. is expected to be converted into a Power Corporation by 2006/07, and Sanction order of RDSS also time lined segregation of state Power Department Accounts by function wise by 2025. After deliberated discussion, following the letter submitted to State Govt. on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the meeting decided to write to state Government to consider for Unbundling/separating business units and segregation of accounts by function wise as foremost necessary steps towards corporatization of PowerDeptt.

**Agenda 4: Determination of Retail Tariff of P&E Deptt for FY 2025-26**

As invited by the Chairperson, Er. Lalhmingshlu, SE (Commercial), P&ED gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Tariff Petition of True-up for FY 2023-24, Review for FY 2024-25, Tariff for FY 2025-26. The chairman informed that Public Hearing on Tariff Petition of P&E deptt will be held as per scheduled i.e. on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The Chairman formally declared the meeting adjourned, expressing gratitude to all attendees.

  
(BENJAMIN L. TLUMTEA)  
Chairperson

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3. PS to Secretary, P&E Department, Gov't of Mizoram for kind information to the Secretary and for taking necessary action on the Minutes of the Meeting.
4. All Members / Invitees of the State Advisory Committee for kind information and for taking necessary action on the Minutes of the Meeting.
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Assistant Secretary