



MIZORAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
MIZORAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Venue : Aijal Club, Aizawl
Date & Time : 19th March, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

The list of Members and Participants who attended the meeting is appended.

Pi Lalchanchinmawii, Assistant Secretary, MZERC, opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming the SAC members. Following this, the meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Mr. Benjamin L. Tlumtea, Hon'ble Chairperson, MZERC.

The Chairman explained the general process of inducting SAC members, noting that they are appointed in accordance with the Electricity Act. He expressed his appreciation for MZERC achieving the 10th position (A Grade) in the All India rankings for Rating Regulatory Performance of States and UTs – 2025 by Power Foundation of India in collaboration with REC Limited. He attributed this success to the effective cooperation amongst SAC members, the Power & Electricity Department (P&ED), Consumers' Unions, and the Commission.

Agenda 1: Confirmation on the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of State Advisory Committee held on 11th March, 2025.

The Chairman sought the members input on any concerns or objections regarding the minutes of the 27th SAC Meeting. Upon receiving doubts on some point and clarifications thereon and affirmation, the minutes was taken as confirmed.

Agenda 2: Review of action taken on the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of SAC.

(i) Public Awareness and Vigilance Report:

The Chairperson invited the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC) to report on their progress regarding streetlights. However, as the member or representative was unable to attend, a detailed report could not be obtained which the committee viewed as regretful. Er. Ngursailova, CE (SO), P&ED, submitted a report stating that a Coordination Committee has been established. He reported that Local Council (LC) members within Aizawl convened a "Meeting-cum-Awareness" session on 3rd December, 2025, with plans to hold another meeting early next year.

Pu Lallunghnema expressed disappointment over AMC's absence and hoped for faster progress on streetlight issues, suggesting the inclusion of activists. Pu Vanlalruata emphasized the necessity of regular Coordination Committee meetings and noted a significant reduction in streetlights remaining illuminated during the day.

The Local Administration Department (LAD) representative noted progress in rural areas but mentioned they had not received the 27th SAC Meeting minutes and could not provide a specific rural streetlight performance report. They suggested that the maintenance of streetlights might be more efficient if handled directly by the P&ED.

Regarding billing of street light, Er. Ngursailova explained that it is currently done on a "per point" basis. The Secretary of FCS&CA (drawn from prior experience in LAD) suggested that Local Council, Village Council, etc. may be held more responsible in maintaining streetlights in their areas and proposed that streetlight bills only be settled after being countersigned by the Village Council (VC) if it falls under the purview of the respective Local/village authorities.

It was decided that AMC and P&ED are to hold a Joint Meeting immediately regarding Public Awareness and Vigilance, LAD and P&ED will take the lead on these issues for areas outside the AMC jurisdiction. AMC and LAD are to conduct a count of the streetlight details in their respective areas (including Rural areas) with the connected load and submit a report by mid year of FY 2026-27.

This exercise is very essential so that streetlights energy consumption can be billed accurately and so is the payment.

Action by: AMC, LAD, P&ED

(ii) Prepaid Metering and Smart Metering: Er. Zothansanga, SE, P&ED, reported that the Smart Meter project falls under the RDSS scheme. The Central Government has set a target of 2.9 lakh prepaid smart meters for Mizoram. Currently, over 34,000 meters have been installed. As of February 28, 2026, smart readings can be taken for approximately 26,000 meters, prepaid billing has not yet commenced. The project is slated for completion

in Mizoram by March 2027, while the All India completion deadline is March 2028. He noted that the primary challenge in accelerating the rollout is the slow production capacity of the meter manufacturers.

The meeting desired that P&ED install Smart Meter as fast as possible with a view of large quantity balance still available. As regard public awareness in the new meter and related billing issues, P&E Department may involve Consumers Union and activists, if felt needed.

Action by: P&E Department.

Agenda 3: Distribution Loss

The Chairman expressed deep concern over the persistent levels of distribution loss and asked P&ED for action being taken to reduce loss. Er. Lalhmingliana Hmar, SE (Commercial), P&ED, attributed the losses to inadequate metering at the 11kv level and old equipments and aged conductors in transmission lines. He added that to reduce transmission loss, they are working on shortening long transmission lines and replacing conductors. To reduce distribution loss, P&ED was advised to collaborate with NGOs (like YMA) and Consumers' Unions to tackle meter bypassing, unauthorized energy use and energy theft.

The meeting maintained that P&E Department should take high distribution loss seriously (28% approx.) and take pragmatic action to reduce energy loss and be competitive with other states.

Action: P&E Department.

Agenda 4: Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF)

The committee discussed as how to address the consistent lack of activity in CGRF reports. After discussion it was decided that P&ED is to conduct thorough awareness campaigns regarding the forum and P&ED must ensure that CGRF quarterly reports are submitted to the Commission on time.

Performance of CGRF & Ombudsman is given importance by MOP and APTEL (Appellate Tribunal for Electricity), so all stakeholders are reminded to generate awareness and to take action equitably when the grievances come up.

Action: P&ED, MCU, MZERC.

Agenda 5: Determination of Retail Tariff of P&E Department for FY 2026-27

As invited by the Chairperson, P&E gave a Power Point presentation of the Tariff Petition of True-up for FY 2024-25, Review for FY 2025-26, Tariff for FY 2026-27. The

chairman informed that Public Hearing on Tariff Petition of P&E Department will be held as per scheduled on 20th March, 2026.

The Meeting ended at 3:30 pm with vote of thanks from the Chair.

Sd/- 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.
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