

**MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONAL  
CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Departmental Operational Co-ordination Committee (DOCC) was held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Friday) at the Conference Hall of Engineer-in-Chief, Power & Electricity Department, Kawlphetha, New Secretariat Complex, Khatla, Aizawl.

**1 : PROCEEDINGS OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> DOCC MEETING**

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of DOCC was presided over by Er. Liannghinglova Pachuau, Chairman & Engineer-in-Chief and attendance sheet appended in the Annexure.

**2 : REVIEW OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> DOCC MEETING MINUTE**

The minute of the 6<sup>th</sup> DOCC meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was circulated vide Memo No.A.60011/140/16-EC/EO(P)/30 Dt. 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017. Minute of the 6<sup>th</sup> DOCC Meeting was reviewed and agreed as follows :

**1. Roof Top Solar (RTS)**

Er. Benjamin L. Tlumtea, Member, Working Group on Solar Power Generation & EE (Com) informed the meeting that as per reports received from the site officials, there were approximate 30 nos. of locations where Roof Top Solar of 50 kW or more can be installed. He also reported that the total availability of Govt. buildings for installation of Solar Power will be as high as 94052 Sqm and it was already submitted to ZEDA for further necessary action.

It may be noted that an amount of Rs. 500.00 lakhs is kept in NEDP 2017-18 under Solar generation and it was decided that DPR for Solar Roof Top Project at Sub-Station Control Room and its surrounding areas shall be prepared for funding from MNRE in line with the fund availability under NEDP for State matching share. All concerned Executive Engineers are requested to prepare this DPR.

The meeting also decided that Working Group on Solar Power Generation and ZEDA may discuss the mode of financing and its execution. It was also reported that 'The Solar Power Policy of Mizoram 2017' was published in the Mizoram Gazette on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Issue No. 59 and the same may be downloaded from the departmental website <https://powermizoram.gov.in>

*Action : All concerned officials*

### **3. AGENDA DISCUSSION**

#### **ITEM No. 1 : Dissemination and implementation of O & M Guidelines for Lines and Sub-Stations**

*Operation and Maintenance Guidelines* prepared by officers of the Department was released by Engineer-in-Chief on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at Mualhawih Compound, Republic Veng. The Guidelines have to be learned and implemented by all workers of the Department. The method of teaching the guidelines and to enforce implementation at all levels through SE, EE and SDOs had discussed and agreed that –

1. It must be available to all levels of the Department Field Staff and EO to Engineer-in-Chief shall take necessary action on printing of additional 1000 copies.
2. Recording and Feedback system shall be prepared.
3. A meeting with all field staff shall be conducted at Division level to make use of the guidelines and concerned SE shall be the chief guest in the meeting. Expenditure in this regard shall be arranged by the Engineer-in-Chief.

*Action : All concerned officials*

#### **ITEM No. 2 : Payment of MVAT from works executed through SoR**

The department developed Schedule of Rates, 2015 which has been in use since its release by Hon'ble Health Minister. However, the rate and mode of realisation of the MVAT deduction is not clear to the department. Moreover, Goods & Service Tax (GST) is going to replace all taxes from July, 2017. Pu Zohmingthanga, Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, Aizawl North Zone attended the meeting as a special invitee to explain the issue.

Pu Zohmingthanga informed the meeting that all contractors shall be liable to pay tax under MVAT Act, 2015 for any kind of Works Contract either at the rate of 13.5% of 70% of the value of works contract (*for Electrical installation*) or 4% of the total contract value under the Composition Scheme of Works Contract vide No.J.19013/1/2005-TAX Dt. 20.5.2015 if the contractor opted to pay MVAT under this scheme.

Payment to contractors shall not be made without Tax Clearance Certificate from Taxation Department or payment shall be made to contractors without Clearance Certificate by deducting 2% Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) and the amount so deducted shall be deposited into Government Treasury using Chalan within 10 days. As per Section 85 (b) of MVAT Act, 2005, it is mandatory to have MVAT registration/MVAT clearance as one of the qualifying requirements for any works contract.

He also highlighted the brief introduction of GST as below :-

- (i) The GST would be applicable on the supply of goods or services as against the present concept of tax on the manufacture and sale of goods or provision of services. It would be a destination based consumption tax.
- (ii) It would be a dual GST with the Centre and States simultaneously levying it on a common tax base. The GST to be levied by the Centre on intra-State supply of goods and / or services would be called the Central GST (CGST) and that to be levied by the States would be called the State GST (SGST).
- (iii) The GST would apply to all goods other than alcoholic liquor for human consumption and five petroleum products, viz. petroleum crude, motor spirit (petrol), high speed diesel, natural gas and aviation turbine fuel. It would apply to all services barring a few to be specified.
- (iv) The GST would replace the following taxes currently levied and collected by the Centre:
  - a. Central Excise duty
  - b. Duties of Excise (Medicinal and Toilet Preparations)
  - c. Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance)
  - d. Additional Duties of Excise (Textiles and Textile Products)
  - e. Additional Duties of Customs (commonly known as CVD)
  - f. Special Additional Duty of Customs (SAD)
  - g. Service Tax
  - h. Central Surcharges and Cesses so far as they relate to supply of goods and services
- (v) State taxes that would be subsumed under the GST are:
  - a. State VAT
  - b. Central Sales Tax
  - c. Luxury Tax
  - d. Entry Tax (all forms)
  - e. Entertainment and Amusement Tax (except when levied by the local bodies)
  - f. Taxes on advertisements
  - g. Purchase Tax
  - h. Taxes on lotteries, betting and gambling
  - i. State Surcharges and Cesses so far as they relate to supply of goods and services

- (vi) The CGST and SGST would be levied at rates recommended by the GST Council.
- (vii) There would be a floor rate with a small band of rates within which the States may fix the rates for SGST.
- (viii) The list of exempted goods and services would be common for the Centre and the States which would be finalised by GST Council.
- (ix) An Integrated GST (IGST) would be levied and collected by the Centre on inter-State supply of goods and services. Accounts would be settled periodically between the Centre and the States to ensure that the SGST portion of IGST is transferred to the destination State where the goods or services are eventually consumed.
- (x) Tax payers shall be allowed to take credit of taxes paid on inputs (input tax credit) and utilize the same for payment of output tax. However, no input tax credit on account of CGST shall be utilized towards payment of SGST and vice versa. The credit of IGST would be permitted to be utilized for payment of IGST, CGST and SGST in that order.
- (xi) HSN (Harmonised System of Nomenclature) code shall be used for classifying the goods under the GST regime. It is being proposed that taxpayers whose turnover is above Rs. 1.5 crores but below Rs. 5 crores shall use 2 digit code and the taxpayers whose turnover is Rs. 5 crores and above shall use 4 digit code. Taxpayers whose turnover is below Rs. 1.5 crores will not be required to mention HSN Code in their invoices.
- (xii) Exports shall be treated as zero-rated supply. No tax is payable on export of goods or services but credit of the input tax related to the supply shall be admissible to exporters and the same can be claimed as refund by them.
- (xiii) Import of goods and services would be treated as inter-State supplies and would be subject to IGST in addition to the applicable customs duties. The IGST paid shall be available as ITC for payment of taxes on further supplies.

GST is expected to be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

*Action : All concerned officials*

### **ITEM No. 3 : Approval of MDI Energy Meter**

On to the submission of CE(SO) seeking the approval of Head Office for MDI Energy Meter of RICHA make and JUVAS make, Superintending Engineer (Commercial) aptly appraised the meeting that if the MDI meters conform to minimum and compulsory parameters mentioned in the communication to Mizoram Merchant Association (MIMA) vide letter No.T.24011/02/16-EC(P)/Com/25 dated 17.10.2016 no further approval is necessary from Engineer-in-Chief, P&E Department. He further pointed out that no specifications is enclosed in respect of 3-Phase MDI Meter of RICHA make in the above submission.

The meeting instead of going into technical details of RICHA and JUVAS make with a view of approval, but little half-wise. However, re-affirmed that those MDI meters which conform to prescribed minimum technical parameters duly confirmed by the engineer only are qualified for use in the department.

*Action : All concerned*

**ITEM No. 4 : Computation of un-metered energy**

The meeting re-iterated that providing energy meters to all electricity consumers is constant endeavor of the department and whereas for new service connection energy meter is mandatory. The department also procures new energy meters from time to time to replace defective or dead meter in those area which are not covered under specific schemes. Billing for short period before replacement of defective meter shall be managed as per the existing JERC Electricity Supply Code Regulations.

For billing of street light consumption without metering system, the procedures as elaborately discussed in the meeting may be adopted for the time being. Ways and means are actively pursued to provide metering system in the street light.

*Action : All concerned*

**ITEM No. 5 : Directives in the New Tariff Order**

The importance of the need to comply with Directives in the New Tariff Order was highlighted in the meeting by SE (Com). All concerned are requested to give importance to comply with the new directives.

*Action : All concerned*

**The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.**



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Chairman & Engineer-in-Chief, P&E Deptt.