

**RECORD NOTE OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE HELD AT 11 AM ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2009 AT THE MSERC'S  
OFFICE PREMISES AT SHILLONG.**

**Members Present:-**

- 1) Chairman, Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Shillong.
- 2) Shri. F.K. Mawlot, Former MLA.
- 3) Smti. J.E. Shullai, Former Chairman MPSC.
- 4) Shri. S.K. Lato.
- 5) Shri. Ramesh Bawri, President Confederation of Industries, Meghalaya Adviser.
- 6) Shri. M.M. Mehrotra, Jt. Dir (E/M) representing Chief Engineer, Shillong Zone.

Calling the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Advisory Committee to order, the Chairman welcomed the members present and stated that as indicated in the Agenda Notes sent with the notice for the meeting, the main agenda of the day was to discuss the Tariff Petition of the Meghalaya State Electricity Board for the year 2009-10, which had been published in accordance with law. The Commission considered it necessary to hold such discussion, to enable the members of the State Advisory Committee to have an opportunities to offer such views as they may have on the matter. He then called upon the Hon'ble Members to make their comments / suggestions.

Participating, the Hon'ble Members of the Commission raised the following issues.

- No. 1.        **Smti. J.E. Shullai**
- (1) Suggested that the copy of the Tariff Petition under references may be circulated to all Members, if no objection. This was agreed to and copies provided to all members present.

- (2) Desired to know the basis for differential rates of Tariff between EHT and HT categories. Opined that EHT tariff should be higher than HT tariff. (It was clarified that the delivery cost of electricity at EHT differed from the cost of delivery of electricity at HT. Hence the differential in tariff).
- (3) Desired to know the justification for MeSEB employees getting free power supply. (It was clarified that this practice was existing since the formation of the Board.)

No.2. **Shri. J.N. Bawri.**

- (1) Referring to the contents of the Commission's Tariff Order dated 17.12.2008, the Hon'ble Member wanted to know why MeSEB was not able to comply with the mandate for reduction of Transmission & Distribution losses and Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses, as indicated in the Road map drawn up by the Board as a part of the 11<sup>th</sup> plan.
- (2) Observed that MeSEB need to confirm to the specified time frame for finalization of Audited statement of Accounts, for each year, by Corporates.
- (3) The proposed level of Depreciation Charges and Administration and General Expenses as reflected in the tariff proposals were too high and not reasonable and needed to be curtailed.
- (4) It was imperative for MeSEB to ensure 100 % metering as mandated by the Electricity Act of 2003. As at present less than 50 % the consumers were metered.
- (5) EHT & HT category of consumer need to be compensated for low power factor.
- (6) The existing tariff for domestic consumer was already high and should not be further increased.

No.3. **Shri. S.K. Lato.**

- (1) The Hon'ble Member opined that the existing tariff for public lighting is high and needs to be carefully considered while fixing the new tariff.
- (2) Referring to the different slabs in the domestic category of consumer and suggested that the first slab of 100 units should be made into the first slab of 300 units. The second slab of 100 units should be made into a second slab of the next 300 units and the third slab of over 200 units should be made into a slab for over 600 units. This would be reasonable considering the level of consumption of domestic power, even in low income group households.

No.4. **Shri. M. Mehrotra.**

- (1) The representative of the military establishments urged the Commission to categories supply of power to the defence establishment as a separate category and fix tariff equivalent to rates of domestic consumer. As at present they were being charged under the General Purpose (Bulk supply category).
- (2) Consumption of electricity by the troops fluctuated due of frequent movement of troops to different stations. The Commission was urged to consider exempting the military establishment from penalty payable for fluctuating load consumption.

All arising issues were discussed and the suggestions of the Hon'ble Members present were noted.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the Secretary to the Commission.

**Sd/-  
(P.J. Bazeley)  
Chairman**