

Agartala, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

**3-day training programme on Advanced  
Metering Infrastructure for engineers of TSECL**

A 3-day training programme on "Introduction to AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) and Role of AMI in reducing AT&C Losses" will commence from February 21 to February 23 for the engineers of TSECL at its Headquarters at Agartala. The training is being organized by National Power Training Institute (Eastern Region) Durgapur under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India in association with Power Finance Corporation & Rural Electrification Corporation. 40 engineers from different circle will be attending the training program.

The Program will be inaugurated by Director (Finance). Sarvajit Singh Dogra on 21st February 2022 at 10am at TSECL Headquarters and will be attended by Director of NPTIS. K. Srivastava and other senior Officers of TSECL. This training program is being organised to shed light on the RDSS Scheme (Revamped Distribution sector Scheme) of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India. Experts have been invited to deliver talk in the training program and would be providing an interactive environment for useful discussions.

Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a Reforms-based and Results-linked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme worth Rs. 3.03 trillion wherein the Centre's share will be Rs. 97,631 crores. This scheme aims to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of DISCOMS. It will provide conditional financial assistance to strengthen the supply infrastructure of DISCOMS (power distribution companies). The financial assistance will be based on meeting pre-qualifying criteria and upon achievement of basic minimum benchmarks.

All the existing power sector reforms schemes such as Integrated Power Development Scheme, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana will be merged into this umbrella program. The scheme will be available till 2025-26. The objective of program is - Reduction of AT&C losses (operational losses due to inefficient power system) to pan-India levels of 12-15% by 2024-25, Reduction of cost-revenue gap to zero by 2024-25, Developing Institutional Capabilities for Modern DISCOMS. This was informed by National Power Training Institute (Eastern Region) in a press release.