

North Eastern Regional Power Committee

RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WITH HON'BLE POWER MINISTER OF MEGHALAYA & CHAIRMAN, NERPC

Date : 16/08/2018 (Thursday)

Time : 11:30 hrs

Venue : NERLDC Conference Hall

A special meeting with Hon'ble Power Minister of Meghalaya and Chairman, NERPC was convened at NERLDC Conference Hall, Shillong on 16th August 2018. The meeting was chaired by Shri James K Sangma, Hon'ble Power Minister of Meghalaya and Chairman, NERPC and attended by officials of NERPC, NERLDC, MeECL and NTPC.

The meeting was organized primarily to discuss the various commercial issues including outstanding dues against MeECL and also to have an interactive session among NERPC and NERLDC officers with the Chairman of NERPC.

As decided in the 35th & 36th CCM, NERPC Secretariat has taken up all outstanding dues of Generating Companies and POWERGRID against MeECL in the meeting with the Hon'ble Power Minister of Meghalaya on behalf of all utilities.

The record of proceeding and discussion is as under:

Shri James K Sangma, Hon'ble Power Minister & Chairman, NERPC, Shri P. K. Mishra, Member Secretary and Shri B. Lyngkhoi, Director, NERPC were given a warm reception by offering Gamcha (traditional scarves) by NERLDC. After this, Shri T. S. Singh, Executive Director, NERLDC extended warm welcome to Hon'ble Power Minister & Chairman, NERPC, Member Secretary, NERPC and all participants in the meeting.

Shri B. Lyngkhoi, Director, NERPC highlighted the brief history of Power sector in the NE region and the development leading to the establishment of the present NERPC by the central government, its important roles, responsibilities and achievement. He briefed the Hon'ble Power Minister about the outstanding dues and issues pertaining to Meghalaya and requested Hon'ble Power Minister to address the meeting.

Shri James K Sangma, Hon'ble Power Minister of Meghalaya warmly greeted all participants and commented that it was a great pleasure to meet the officers of NERPC, NERLDC and other utilities.

He informed that Meghalaya Government is aware of outstanding dues against MeECL. He stated that Meghalaya has been facing huge financial crunch due to various reasons including ban in coal mining which was a big source of revenue for the state. However, the government is committed to sincerely resolve all outstanding issues pertaining to Meghalaya. As a new government, they needed some time for proper planning and restructuring of their resources. He was hopeful that the financial condition of Meghalaya will improve in a couple of months.

The following are the remarks given by Hon'ble Power Minister:

- 1. He informed with great pleasure that all the utilities/CPSUs have been very patient, cooperative and understanding with regards to Meghalaya's outstanding dues and Meghalaya would like to reciprocate the good gestures of all the Generating Companies/POWERGRID.**
- 2. He informed that Meghalaya agreed to clear the outstanding dues against all Generating Companies/POWERGRID in a staggered manner (in installment basis), if not in full.**
- 3. He also stated that he had requested the State Government for giving financial assistance to MeECL to liquidate all outstanding dues of Generating Companies/POWERGRID.**

NERPC secretariat placed on record deep appreciation to the Hon'ble Power Minister, Govt of Meghalaya, for his interest and taking initiative to liquidate the outstanding dues against Meghalaya.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.
