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Sub: Minutes of the meeting on awareness generation programs on Electrical Safety held on 3rd December, 2018 in the Conference room of IEEMA at Rishyamook Building, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi- Reg.

Please find enclosed the minutes of the meeting on awareness generation programs on Electrical Safety held on 3rd December, 2018 in the Conference room of IEEMA at Rishyamook Building, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi for your kind information and necessary action. The same is also available at CEA website: http://www.cea.nic.in/cei meetings.html.

A letter having all the detail modalities of this awareness generation programs on Electrical Safety will be sent separately to the head of respective organization very soon.

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Minutes of the meeting on Awareness Generation Programme on Electrical Safety held on 3rd Demcember, 2018 at 11.100 AM in the Conference room of IEEMA at Rishyamook Building, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi.

A meeting was held in the Conference room of IEEMA at Rishyamook Building, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi at 11.00 AM on 3.12.2018 to discuss the issues regarding Awareness Generation Programme on Electrical Safety to be organized in various cities across Indian. The list of participants in the meeting is at **Annexure-A**.

At the outset, Chief Engineer, CEI Division of CEA welcomed all the participants to the meeting. He stated that CEI Division has taken a lot of initiatives regarding amendment of the Electricity Safety Regulation from time to time. Recently the comprehensive review of the Electricity Safety Regulation was done in 2017 and the same is with the CEA for prepublication. He stated that in spite of the various measures taken for the electrical safety, there is no appreciable reduction in the number of electrical accidents taking place throughout India. It is very unfortunate to say that even though we are having lot of manpower engaged to oversee the implementation of electrical safety measures, in spite of that the count of fatality due to electrical accidents is one of the highest in the world.

To tackle this problem of electrical accidents effectively, CEA has taken up three prong strategy. At first, requisite amendments in the regulations has already been carried out based on the need due to technological changes and amendments suggested by the State Government, industry and the General Public. Secondly CEA has tied up

with all the State Electrical Inspectorates through Standing Committee on Electrical Safety on the measures to be adopted for reducing the electrical accidents. The Standing Committee on Electrical Safety is acting like a bridge between the center and the states on the exchange of information and ideas for better implementation of the Electrical Safety Regulation. The third step is Sensitization of people in the organizations dealing with electricity/various electrical utilities through awareness generation campaign. In this context it is stated that the CEI Division has already started this awareness generation campaign in various metro cities for the last three years. However, the result of this was minimal as it has been seen that the fatality rate is higher in the low voltage side i.e. nearly 70-80% electrical accidents happens at 33kV and below voltage level. It is well known that the low voltage is closer to the people who are generally the end user of the electricity. As such, it has been decided that there is a need to take this awareness generation drive to the end user in the small cities/district/tehsil level. The people who are working in the local administration, in the Discoms, the licensed electrical contractors, supervisors and the people dealing with electricity on day to day basis need to be jointly sensitized so that they become aware about any negligence regarding electrical safety and can act as a change agent.

Accordingly, it has been decided to start the awareness generation programme from the next financial year, every month in the small cities of the country. To start with, each year there would be 12 awareness generation programme in various cities of the State. Care should be taken that all the 5 regions of the country are properly covered. Tentatively, some states from each region have been chosen for the first year

programme. The details of the States chosen for the first year of awareness generation programme are enclosed in **Annexure-B**.

He requested the participants from various organizations present in the meeting to join with CEA in the drive of awareness generation on electricity safety. CEI Division of CEA would arrange for logistics required for this awareness generation programme i.e. arrangement for experts to deliver lectures, taking with the local authorities, inviting the target audience etc. The participating organizations were requested to own the responsibility of some of these awareness generation programme so that the activity of awareness generation programme could be seamlessly carried out throughout the year. For this the participating organizations were requested to own the programmes for certain months of the year, which would include arrangement of venues, cost of conducting a one day programme, arrangements for the local transport for speakers (5 nos.).

Detailed discussions were held with each of the participants regarding conducting the workshop and participation of their organization in terms of owning the awareness generation programme of at least one or two month of the year. The participants from the organizations were generally in agreement with the proposal of CEA. They suggested some inclusion like (i) media campaigning for the workshop, (ii) campaigning through social media (iii) local newspaper advertisement before seminar and Press release afterward (iv) preparation of some basic handouts for the awareness generation to be distributed during the awareness generation programme, (v) observing an electrical safety week every year (vi) need for participation from local schools and colleges, (vii) sensitizing

the people on the ill-effects of the use of various spurious/sub-standard equipment and merits of ISI branded products. It was decided that CEI Division of CEA would consider the proposals given by the participants and would send the details on this to heads of organizations requesting them to be a part of the awareness generation programme. The participants were also requested to nominate a person from their organization as Nodal Officer for the awareness generation programme so that all future correspondence could be done through him. intimated that Shri Recturaj Pandey, AD (Mobile No. 9711807447) and Mr. Mukul Kumar, AD (Mobile No. 8448370263) would be the Nodal Officers for this programme from CEA. The participants were requested that they may discuss about the proposal with the managements of their organization and intimate the decision of their organization on the above proposal in the next meeting. The next meeting would be held within 15-20 days' time, wherein the participation proposal of the State along with the detailed modalities for conducting the workshop will be discussed.

List of participants in the meeting on awareness generation programs on Electrical Safety held on 3rd December, 2018 in the Conference room of IEEMA at Rishyamook Building, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi.

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Annexure-B

<u>List of States chosen for the first year of awareness generation programs on</u> <u>Electrical Safety</u>

I. North-Eastern Region

- 1. Mizoram
- 2. Assam
- 3. Tripura

II. Eastern Region

- 1. West Bengal
- 2. Jharkhand
- 3. Odisha

III. Western Region

- 1. Chhattisgarh
- 2. Madhya Pradesh

IV. Southern Region

- 1. Telangana
- 2. Andhra Pradesh

V. Northern Region

- 1. Uttar Pradesh
- 2. Rajasthan