

Subject: Formation of Sub-Committee from among the Members of the Standing Committee for awareness generation programme.

It has been observed that in spite of framing the Regulation for Electrical Safety and its number of subsequent amendments to reduce the electrical accidents, the number of electrical accidents in various utilities is still on the higher side. It has been observed that specially in the lower voltages, the number of fatal electrical accidents is higher. This indicates that there is a general lack of awareness among the consumers, utilities and the supplier at the lower voltage on the implementation of the electrical safety regulation. CEA on its own has been trying to spread the message of electrical safety through different workshops, it has been conducting for the last few years with private entities like, International Copper Association-India (ICAI) and IEEMA. However, the figure of electrical accidents for the last few years that is emerging from the States indicates serious need for spreading the message of electrical safety among the people at the district/block levels so that the people have a proper understanding about the danger of handling electricity and the safeguard that needs to adopt for working with high voltage equipment's. In this endeavor there is a need for all the States to come and join hand with CEA in spreading the message of awareness programme on electrical safety at the district/block level. For these there is a need to conduct workshops in different districts of the States throughout India and without the active cooperation of the state Electrical Inspectorate and state administration it would be difficult to make any progress. As such, it is suggested that a sub-committee be formed from within the members of the Standing Committee on Electrical safety. State Electrical Inspectorates is requested to nominate an expert member from their State, who will be part of the Sub-Committee, so that their expertise can be used for delivering lectures and spreading this message of electrical safety through the awareness programme in the state.