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**Chief Minister holds meeting with three Power Companies**

**Asks Power Companies to reverse dip in revenue generation; stop power theft and reduce T&D loss**

Dispur, June 14: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today chaired a meeting with the Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL), Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGCL) and Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL), asked the companies to design modalities for increasing their revenue generation and profits including quality service delivery to the consumers.

Holding the meeting with the top functionaries of the three companies at Bijulee Bhawan here today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma advocated for linking the revenue collection with promotion of qualitative performance and active service delivery system to the consumers. Expressing his concern over dip in revenue collection and consequent loss, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma asked the Power Companies to work on strategies to plug the reasons responsible for revenue loss. He also asked the power companies to be innovative and look for ways to increase the revenue earnings and profits.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while calling attention to everybody during the meeting, stated that some fraudulent consumers adopted dubious methods to save electricity bills causing huge loss of revenue to APDCL. To recover this loss and to pay for power purchase, APDCL is compelled to approach to Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission to increase the rate of energy tariff. The public in general have to bear the brunt of this increased rate in electricity tariff as the resultant load of the loss generated from the defaulting consumers is compensated from the general public. He, therefore, asked the power companies to design modalities and plug the loopholes so that consumers cannot evade electricity tariffs and indulge in fraudulent practices. Dr. Sarma also asked the power companies to maintain extensive vigilance to stop power theft and reduce transmission and distribution loss across the state.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma during the meeting also asked APDCL to prepare a profile of the defaulting consumers. He also asked the companies to make a list of the Cement Companies and other high valued consumers, tally their production or services with GST returns and electricity bills. This exercise will help in bringing in semblance between total quantum of electricity consumed and electricity bills thus paid.

Dr. Sarma also emphasised on the need of putting in modern, state of the art technologies for the structural and qualitative development of the power companies to ensure 24X7 uninterrupted and quality power supply to the people of Assam as well the commercial establishments

Power Minister Bimal Bora, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary to Power Department Neeraj Verma, Managing Directors and other senior officers of the three power companies were present in the meeting.

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