MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXPENDITURE FINANCE COMMITTEE (E.F.C.) HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY ON 15th January 2018.

A meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee was held in the Conference Room of the Chief Secretary on 15/01/2018.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Shri. Dharmendra Sharma
 Chief Secretary

2. Shri. Daulat A Hawaldar Member Secretary (Finance)

3. Smt. Isha Khosla Member Special Secretary (Budget)

4. Shri. N. N. Reddy Member
Chief Electrical Engineer

The following tender was deliberated on;

1. Proposal for conversion of existing overhead 11KV line to underground system of feeders namely 11KV Torda, 11KV Housing board, 11KV Pundalik Nagar feeder and associated LT network on transformer of said feeders and bifurcation of 11KV Torda feeder and Chogum road feeder emanating from 33/11KV Porvorim sub-Station covering major portion of Porvorim plateau area in Porvorim constituency.

The Chief Electrical Engineer, explained that the cost of the work is ₹45.72 crore and the scope of the work involves major work of conversion of overhead 11KV line to underground system for a total distance of 26.58kms, erection of 16 plinth mounted distribution transformers, conversion of overhead LT line network to underground system including provision for streetlighting with octagonal poles. It was informed that this provision was announced in the annual Goa Budget Speech 2017-18 under the head Municipal Administration, Panchayat & Rural Development at point no.76 (extract of the budget speech is placed in file at pages from 13/C to 15/C). Porvorim Village is termed as an Administrative Capital of Goa and is considered as an upmarket residential hub

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including a hub for several educational institutes and other Government offices and institutes. And is fast developing as a major Educational hub in the State. The Porvorim Village houses major offices like the Goa Assembly Complex, Goa Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education (GBSHSE) etc.. who are availing power supply in the area and for which uninterrupted power supply is imperative to be maintained. Besides that, 60% of the consumers in the area are Commercial Establishments such as lodgings, malls, showrooms, etc.. which account for double the revenue as compared to domestic consumers; tariff imposed being at almost double the rate of Domestic consumers. The area is developing at a fast pace where load growth is high. The existing transformer centres at most places are fully loaded and the overhead conductor is also 100% loaded to its full capacity. The existing overhead lines are already more than 20 years old and are prone to frequent interruptions due to aging which causes a great inconvenience to the consumers in the area and in turn, revenue loss to the Department. The Department has not taken up any such conversion works in this area in the past. It was also explained that land acquisition issues would not arise during execution of the work as cables are proposed to be laid alongside existing roads/lanes and routes of existing overhead line networks.

The revenue received from this area is around ₹15 Crores annually. With the conversion and upgradation proposed there would be reliable good quality power, uninterrupted power, prevention of theft of energy due to no overhanging lines or tapping provision and ultimately, increase in the revenue. The underground system would provide an aesthetic view to the surroundings and includes provision to erect octagonal streetlight single overhang poles for streetlighting. The underground cable system is proposed with a provision to ring feed through alternate feeders to the maximum affected areas in the event of power outages so that period of outages are minimized and time taken to restore power to affected areas reduced to a large extent.

The Department has collected Electricity Duty covering entire Goa State to the extent of around ₹160 crores annually. It is proposed to utilize this internal generated fund for undertaking this proposed work.

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The EFC committee members took the note of above facts and explanation/ justification as given by the Chief Electrical Engineer and agreed to confer approval to the proposal.

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Chief Electrical Engineer Member

(Daulat A. Hawaldar) Secretary (Finance)

Member

(Smt Isha Khola)

Special Secretary (Budget)

Member

(Dharmendra Sharma)

Chief Secretary

Chairman