

POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Grid Station Bishnah

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work partially executed by the Department and partly on turnkey basis. Progress of Departmental work was satisfactory but progress of work executed on turn-key basis was slow.• Shortage of skilled and semi-skilled staff to look after the functioning of the grid sub-station after it is commissioned.	ATR awaited

2. Grid Station Mir Bazar Anantnag

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delay in execution of the project. The project was targeted for completion in September, 2009.• Reportedly contractor is not showing any seriousness in execution and completion of the project; The department has kept 30 officials available at the project site for supervision and contrary to this only 33 workers mostly labourers were found working on the project;• As per the terms of the agreement the contractor was required to work in double shift which part has never been done resulting in delay in the completion of the project;	<i>Director Plg, PDD nominated as the Nodal officer to monitor the action taken on the reports and to submit the ATRs to CM's Secretariat on regular basis.</i>

3. Transmission Line Ramban-Khillani-Kishtwar

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inexplicable and inordinate delay: Pilfering the time of the government is as bad as stealing the money of the government. This turnkey project which was awarded to the executing agency in 2007 was scheduled to be	ATR awaited

completed by June, 2009. Even if we will withstand to the vague excuses of executing agency viz-a-viz pending clearances form different departments, they have even failed to construct the foundations and erect the towers at the places where there has been no such problem/pendency on ground. Eventually after the delay of around 2 years only 107 out of 232 towers have been erected and stringing of only 9Kms out of 82Kms have been done. However 207 out of 232 foundations of towers have been completed. The delay has also caused an increase in the cost of protection work as well. The delay has cost increase in the work.

- **Unplanned/uncalled cost escalation:** The Contractor/Executing agency is demanding an enhancement of around 40% of the original value of this turnkey package. While survey component of Rs 31.00 lacs has been the part of this project and the survey was to be conducted before the award of the contract, the contract may have no scope of enhancement as a reason for the change in the survey. This is clearly indicated in clause 2.1-2.2 of LOA (Letter of Agreement) which reads as:-
- *The value of this turnkey package shall be Rs.35,25,29,000 (rupees thirty five crores twenty five lacs and twenty nice thousand) for the entire scope of work under this LOA which includes Design, Survey, Supply, construction, erection, testing & commissioning and this amount includes all central taxes & duties, toll tax, works contract tax & insurance charges and nothing extra shall be paid. Further detail os the contract price for the purpose of on account payment is given in document No.01 of this LOA in various schedules.*
- *Notwithstanding the break-up of the schedule wise contract price, the contract shall, at all time, be construed as a single source responsibility contract and the value shall not exceed the amount specified at para 2.1 and any breach in any part of this contract shall be treated as a breach of the entire contract.*

- The topography or the soil cannot change from dry (the time of the award of the contract) to DFR within a period of 6 months. The on spot inspection of various locations along the proposed transmission line shows that the most of the locations where the towers are to be erected seems dry and not DFR as claimed by the executing agencies. This is supported with the fact there exist NHPC towers, which have been already erected.
- Similarly the executing agency has been asking for increase in number of special towers from 2 to 39 on both the transmission lines of Bhalessa-Thatri and Ramban-Kishtwar as also increase in number of towers which has become one of the reasons fo cost escalation. But again rise a question, if the special towers were required, why were not they included earlier in the DPR, when survey costing Rs. 31 lacs was done. However, it is pertinent to mention here that the towers on present transmission line (NHPC) in the same location with almost similar angles/inclinations for transmission line are not special. This is seen in a classical example on a road side tower at location No: 137. Even if we will consider the present/modified survey (as claimed by executing agency) it is found that at various locations along the path of transmission line that the foundations are made at sliding zones e.g. location No: 145 (see picture-1).
- **Delay in settlement of land issues:** The land issues at various tower locations have not been settled till date. An interaction with the concerned villagers on the way suggest that this is because of lack of connectivity between land owners and collector for land aquisition. It is not clear whether they ever instructed or directed their subordinate officials to visit the sites and sort out the land issues. There are serious problem of land issues at location No: 181, 182 and 136.
- **Poor Quality of Work:** At some places where towers

have been erected there is no proper finishing of foundation (which has to be done before erection of tower) and the quality of foundation work is very poor. E.g. location No: 137 (see pictures-2)	
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4. Transmission Line Hiranagar-Bishnah-Burn

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time overrun: The time period for completion of the project has already elapsed. • Delay in payment of compensation: It was brought to notice that the field staff in Revenue Department viz. Patwaris and to some extent Naib Tehsildars were delaying or were not serious in preparing the papers of land (FARD) so that the title of the land is transferred to PDD and compensation paid to the people. • Dispute at Chattha: The SKUAST authorities are not providing the necessary corridor for laying the electric transmission line. • Delay in completion of Bishnah sub-station: If the Bishnah substation was complete it could have been made operational as the 220 KV D/C line from Hiranagar to Bishnah has been charged. • Execution work of Bishnah-Burn section even more difficult: The land coming in the alignment has rapidly urbanized with high cost of acquisition and people unwilling to part with it. 	ATR awaited

5. RGGVY- Leh

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on electric substations has stopped due to shortage of steel gantry and other raw material 	ATR

	awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest clearance is required for erecting 3 transmission towers between Leh substation and Leh common point section at village Palam 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free electric kits are being provided to BPL card holders and not to AAY card holders who are poorest among the poor due to nomenclature of BPL approved under the project 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDD is not taking over the charge of 20 villages which NHP has completed 5 to 6 months back 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free electric kits have not been provided to BPL card holders in village Dha which is reported to have been completed by NHPC. Villagers also complain that they were not paid wages for the work of transporting and erecting the electric poles for NHPC which had engaged them. 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric network of poles and conductors has been laid in villages Dha (near Batalik) and Thobrang (near Pangong Lake) but there is no feeder line which supply electricity to these villages. 	ATR awaited

6. RGGVY-Kargil

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach road to electric substation at Mulbaik is with the Tourism Department. 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erection of 29 towers between Chutak HEP and Granthama electric substation is getting delayed due to interruption of work by locals. 11 out of the 29 locations are state land but even there the locals are creating problem. 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation of Rs 3.00 lacs stand disbursed to the local whose land was identified for construction of substation at Sanku. New site has been identified by NHPC 	ATR awaited

and PDD since the earlier one is in a flood prone area	
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7. RGGVY-Poonch

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In hamlet Sheikhan Kurisian of village Sindhara the conductor laid between poles was found loosely stringed 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 phase meters had not been installed in any of the four 25 KVA substations that were inspected 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of 5 free electric kits provided to BPL households in village Sindhara only 4 were found installed and 1 had not been installed 	ATR awaited

8. RGGVY-Udhampur

Problem Areas	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of 25 free electric kits for village Shahpur 23 have been provide to BPL households, 1 to a Primary School and another to a Mosque. However only 5 electric meters were found installed the remaining were removed by the residents and kept in their store rooms 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHPC has sought cooperation from DDC, Udhampur/ Reasi, PDD and Forest Department in providing necessary clearance and the right of way at the places where locals are obstructing work. 	ATR awaited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest clearance is pending in 26 villages 	ATR awaited