

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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T AND D REFORMS TRAINING PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to launch a distribution reforms training programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the institutes in which this programme is likely to be conducted; and
- (d) the other initiatives being taken by the Government to improve the power distribution system?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Power in collaboration with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has initiated Distribution Reforms, Upgrades and Management (DRUM) project with the purpose of demonstrating 'the best commercial and technological practices that improve the quality and reliability of 'last mile' power distribution in selected urban and rural distribution circles in the country'. As a part of the DRUM project, training programme has been designed to provide training to over 20,000 utility engineers, managers and personnel of the distribution sector.

(c) : The following institutes have signed Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) for conducting training programmes under the DRUM project:

- i. Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad
- ii. Centre for Power Efficiency in Distribution (CENPEID) of North Delhi Power Ltd., New Delhi.
- iii. Central Institute for Rural Electrification (CIRES) of Rural Electrification Corporation, Hyderabad.
- iv. Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), Bangalore
- v. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- vi. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- vii. National Productivity Council (NPC), New Delhi.
- viii. National Power Training Institute (NPTI), Faridabad
- ix. Power Management Institute (PMI), Noida, Gautambudh Nagar.
- x. Reliance Energy Management Institute, Mumbai
- xi. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi

(d) : The initiatives taken by the Government to improve the power distribution system include:

(i) Metering of 11kV feeders and consumer metering;

(ii) Energy accounting and auditing;

(iii) Strengthening the provisions, relating to theft of power in Electricity Act, 2003;

(iv) Implementation of the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for upgradation and strengthening of sub- transmission and distribution system and providing incentive for reducing cash losses by SEBs/ Utilities;

(v) Establishment of regulatory mechanism at central as well as state level;

(vi) Loan assistance by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC);

(vii) IT initiatives like consumer billing and customer care;

(viii) Introduction of High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS).