

9 *Recommendations*

Government of India had launched RGGVY (XII FYP), DDUGJY and SAUBHAGYA schemes for electrification of villages. To support the rural electrification measures, the State Government also launched JSBAY, AGJY and TMKPY as State sponsored schemes. Despite implementation of these schemes, objectives of rural electrification could not be fully achieved due to various project bottlenecks.

In order to meet the objectives of rural electrification schemes, the State Government may consider implementing the following recommendations:

- JBVNL may investigate why proper surveys were not carried out and comprehensive database not prepared while planning the electrification works and fix responsibility on erring officials. For the future, JBVNL should strive to adopt modern technologies based on GIS for creating and maintaining asset database besides physical surveys.
- JBVNL should make time bound efforts to improve collection of energy charges from rural consumers by installing meters in unmetered rural premises, billing the metered rural consumers on a regular basis, setting up nearby collection centres in villages and strengthening the spot billing mechanism by Urja Mitra in rural pockets. High-loss pockets should be identified and responsibility fixed on the concerned officials for failing to collect proportionate charges.

- JBVNL should take immediate steps to charge the idle agriculture feeders and dedicated electric lines. JBVNL should also examine the reasons for not shifting the existing agricultural consumers to the separated agricultural feeders and fix responsibility on erring officials.
- JBVNL should immediately put idle assets such as PSSs, associated electric lines, etc., to optimal use so that money spent on their erection becomes productive. Meters should be installed at all levels to ensure correct energy accounting and identification of energy-loss areas.
- The project bottlenecks highlighted by Audit such as failure to provide suitable land in time and failure to obtain statutory clearances in advance should be addressed before taking up electrification works so that they are completed in a time bound manner. Reasons for non-completion of works within the timelines should be thoroughly analysed by the Department to avoid its recurrence. All works, presently behind schedule, should be closely monitored for completion at the earliest.
- Violation of NIT/SBD/DoFP conditions should be viewed seriously and action taken against erring officials as contract management is the essence of effective, efficient and economical execution of projects.

- The Department should ensure that the DEC's meet as per norms and engage constructively to review the grey areas highlighted in this Report for taking corrective action and fixing accountability.

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