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Abstract

Sub: - Advancing comprehensive annual maintenance/ pre monsoon maintenance in distribution – implementation strategies – proposal sanctioned – Orders issued

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- Read: - 1. Recommendation of the Distribution Core Committee meeting on 17.12.2018
2. Note No. D(D&IT)/ DCC 13/ Annual Maintenance/ 2018 – 2019 dated 24.12.2018
(Agenda No 21/1/19)

ORDER

The most thorough maintenance of the distribution network is carried out pre monsoon, i.e., during the months of March, April and May every year. The strategy institutionalised over the years is premised on a rainless summer followed by heavy monsoon rains. The climate of the State has changed much in recent years and now heavy summer rains and untimely rains caused by cyclonic storms and depressions are common throughout the year. The Distribution Core Committee meeting held on 17.12.2018 as to discussed whether such changes in the weather in general and other related aspects warrant any change in the distribution maintenance strategies and timings.

The Committee discussed the present pre monsoon maintenance strategies exhaustively. The Committee observed that the period of annual/ pre monsoon maintenance presently followed, i.e., the months of March, April and May have serious disadvantages on several fronts, taking the changes in climate, power availability, changing aspirations of consumers and several other factors into consideration.

Certain important points that came up during the discussion are: -

- ▶ Yearly examinations of schools as well as universities are usually conducted during these months. Switching off power supply for scheduled maintenance during this period results in serious hardships to students and at examination centres. This is all the more relevant now as several exams are going online.
- ▶ March, April and May have the hottest days of the year. Electrical appliances like fans, coolers and air conditioners are essential requirements for the general public during this period to battle the searing heat. As such, switching off power supply during day time in this period can lead to serious customer dissatisfaction.

