

West Bengal

1. As on 30.9.2016, the total installed capacity (including allocated share in joint and central sector utilities) of West Bengal was 10077.40 MW. In the total installed capacity of the West Bengal, the share of State Sector was 6897.95 MW & Private Sector was 1825.70 MW whereas Central Sector was 1353.75 MW.
2. The energy deficit in West Bengal was 89 MU (0.4%) respectively during April to August, 2016 which was lower than the national average of energy deficit was (0.7%) during same period.
3. The per capita electricity consumption of West Bengal was 647 kWh in 2014-15 which is low in comparison to all India per capita electricity consumption level (1010 kWh). Therefore, State Government should focus on strengthening & expansion of transmission & distribution network so that per capita electricity consumption of West Bengal could reach at all India level.
4. The average AT&C losses of West Bengal was 30.51% during 2013-14. However, West Bengal has projected to further reduce the AT&C losses at 21 % level by 2021-22.
5. As per 2011 census, there were 37463 villages in West Bengal. Out of 37463 villages, 37449 villages (99.96%) has been electrified till date. The balance 14 un-electrified villages will be electrified through grid and they all are awarded for electrification.
6. West Bengal has 137.17 lakhs rural households. Out of 137.17 lakhs rural household, 129.70 (94.55%) lakhs households has been electrified till date. The balance rural households to be electrified are 7.47 Lakhs. The State Government needs to accelerate the household's electrification as 5% households are yet to be electrified.
7. 61 towns are covered under Part-A of R-APDRP and 70 % funds have been released whereas 59 towns are covered under Part-B of R-APDRP and 15% funds have been released uptill now. The work progress is slow. The State

Government should accelerate the work progress of R-APDRP for financial health of power sector. This scheme has been subsumed in Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) in November 2014. The State Government should utilize the funds available under IPDS for improvement of Power sector.

8. Meanwhile, 122 towns are covered under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) in West Bengal. However, Government of India has approved Rs. 2939.65 crore for 122 towns. Out of which Rs. 1769.65 crore is approved as grant for these towns whereas Rs. 160.36 crore grant released till now.

Source: Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority and REC/ Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana.