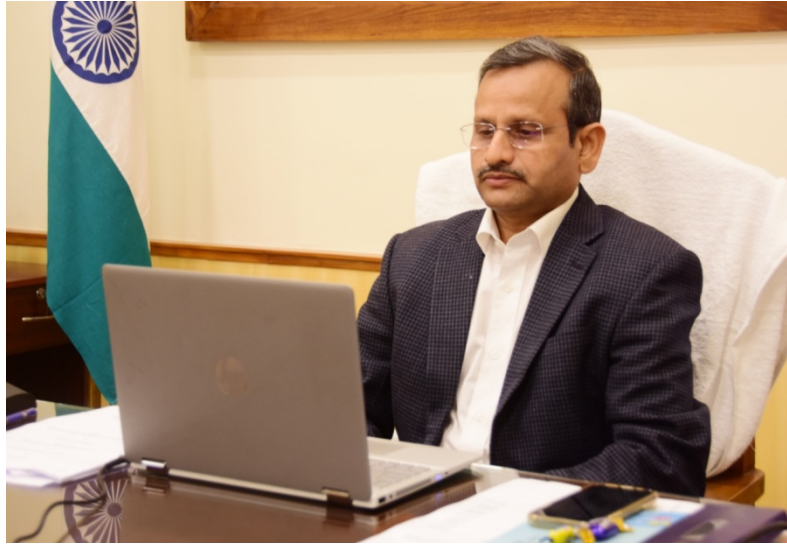




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RAILWAY TRACTION TRANSMISSION PROJECTS PUT ON FAST TRACK

Chief Secretary set the timeline against each Project

Railways asked to complete conversion substations in time

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Railway traction power transmission projects have been put on fast track with Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra reviewing the progress and resolving the ground level issues in a high level meeting held today on digital mode from *Lokseva Bhawan*. Taking a project wise review, Sri Mohapatra set timelines for completion of each project and asked Odisha Power Transmission Corporation (OPTCL) to adhere to the time line.

Further, Sri Mohapatra asked the Principal Secretary Energy to take a month wise review of the work-schedule in coordination with concerned departments for expeditious implementation. Railways were asked to complete construction of their power conversion substations in pace with power supply projects of the OPTCL. It may be pertinent here to mention that OPTCL supplies 132 Kv or 220 Kv power to railway feeders from where the railways take

power as per requirement of the trains through power conversion sub-stations. MCL was requested to expedite the issue of no objection certificates for Belpahar transmission tower.

Presenting details of the projects, Principal Secretary Energy Sri N.B. Dhal said, “presently around 27 railway traction transmission projects have been assigned to OPTCL out of which 07 projects have been completed within the scheduled time with investment of around Rs.59 cr. Other 17 projects estimated around Rs.247 cr are in different phases of implementation and 03 are in process of tendering. Out of 17 ongoing projects, 08 have been prioritized as critical ones by the railways for which special focus have been laid on early completion of the projects”.

Chairman OPTCL Dr Sourabh Garg appraised, “as of now construction of OPTCL railway transmission sub-stations have been completed at Nuapada, Kamakshya Nagar, Kendrapara, Kechobahal, Deogaon, Lanjigarh and Boina road stations. Out of this, railways have started power drawal from 5 sub-stations. Commissioning of power supply to railway lines like Titilagarh-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda, Singapur-Damanjodi, Lanjigarh-Junagarh, Nuapada-Gunupur, Tatanagar-Badampahar, Khurdha-Nuagao and Rupsa-Bangiriposi have been expedited.

Other important RTSS projects reviewed in the meeting included the project at Maneswar, Bimilagarh, Belpahar, Malatipatapur, Sukinda Road, Dhanmandal, Gurposh, Bamara, Dhutra, Charbatia, Siju and Mancheswar. OPTCL was directed to complete these projects in the current working season within 2 to 3 months.

Secretary IT and Commissioner Railway Coordination Sri Manoj Kumar Mishra, Project Director OPTCL Sri Rajiv Lochan Panda, Principal Chief Engineer Railways Sri Basudeb Panda along with senior officers of Railways, OPTCL and concerned departments participated in the discussions.

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PRO to Chief Secretary.