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Underground power cables mulled for coastal districts

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The State government is planning to implement the Emergency Restoration System (ERS) and lay underground cables in the coastal areas to minimise the loss during natural calamities, especially cyclones.

The objective of the programme is to restore power supply within shortest possible (24 hours) time natural calamities, especially cyclones, besides ensuring safety and security of people, according to a press release issued by State Energy Conservation Mission.

The release said that Energy Secretary Ajay Jain Energy, APTransco CMD K. Vjiayanand, and Advisor to Energy Department K. Ranganatham have reviewed the general power supply scenario and the safety measures to be taken during heavy rain.

In view of the expected heavy rainfall in coastal areas, Mr. Jain instructed the officials to implement a fool-proof mechanism and ensure an accident-free power system.

He also asked the DISCOMs to initiate measures to educate the consumers, particularly farmers, to safeguard themselves from possible electrical hazards.

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