

**EASTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P LIMITED  
CORPORATE OFFICE : VISAKHAPATNAM**

**POWER FOR ALL SCHEME WITH WORLD BANK'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Public Notice**

**Consultation and Disclosure of Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Tribal People Planning Framework (TPPF) and Gender Action Plan (GAP) for power distribution projects being implemented by Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company (APEPDCL)**

**Project Objective**

APEPDCL is one of the state's electricity utility where 24X7 Power for All programme has been taken up for implementation. This program has been created to ensure 24x7 quality, reliable and affordable power to all domestic, commercial, industrial & Agricultural consumers within a fixed time frame. The Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), through the Government of India (GoI), has approached the World Bank for financial assistance of Rs 1032 Cr. for APEPDCL. The proposed project will be implemented by APEPDCL in all 5 Districts - Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East & West Godavari of its operation.

**Project profile**

Currently, the projects and sub-projects under the proposed World Bank investments have been identified in the following areas with more emphasis on strengthening of distribution network.

- High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS)
- Erection of new substations and connected lines
- Smart Metering
- SCADA
- U.G Cabling and covered conductors
- TA/Capacity Building

HVDS and Erection of substations are proposed in all five districts, while Smart metering, SCADA & U.G cabling works are proposed in Smart city areas of Visakhapatnam and Kakinada towns.

## **Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF)**

Environment and Social Management Framework is being developed to manage and mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed projects. Tribal People Planning Framework and Gender Action Plan has been prepared to manage and mitigate the potential impacts specifically on tribals and women respectively. Additionally, Resettlement Policy Framework has been created to mitigate any potential impact due to loss of land, restriction on use of land, impact on livelihood, or restricted access to natural resources.

KPMG being the consultant has conducted the field study on environmental and social impact on implementation of the project in all five districts of APEPDCL during June/July-2016 and brought out the documents - ESMF, GAP, TPPF & RPF in line with the requirements of World Bank operational policies and the relevant Indian National and State laws. These documents are available on the APEPDCL's website (<https://www.apeasternpower.com/>) for public disclosure. They are also available at APEPDCL's Corporate Office, P&T Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam.

## **Consultations and public hearing on ESMF & GAP**

A workshop is proposed on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, at 9.30 am at District Collector's Meeting hall, Eluru. The public from all walks of life who are having concerns about the ESMF, GAP, TPPF & RPF are invited to the workshop for consultations & detailed discussions where they can raise their concerns regarding the said documents for incorporating necessary changes, if required, in the said documents for effective and impact less implementation of the project.