After oath taking ceremony on 31st May, 2004 Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission is established as single man Commission with one Chairperson. This is an important step towards Power Reform taken by the State Government. The Commission is to be effectively operational, which requires experienced manpower, and organizational infrastructure. The commission is in process of collection of Base-data for the State from the Power Department. However, of its own, some datas gathered reveal, certain area of concern which needs to be, addressed. Office of the Commission is provided in part of Office of the Chief Engineer, Electrical Department with skeleton staff deputed by State Government –

**PRESENT STAFF POSITION –**

- Secretary (EE) of the Commission – provided by Power Department
- One Jr. Engineer – provided by Power Department.
- One Personal Assistant – provided GA(P&T) Department.
- One L.D. Clerk – provided by Power Department.
- One Driver – provided by GA(SA) Department.
- Group-D/DRW/Contingent workers – provided by Power Department.

**KEY INFORMATION OF POWER SECTOR –**

Tripura is a small State [10491.69 sq. km], economically poor due to remote location, hilly terrain surrounded by intense border and North-east chairs ethnic social sensitivity issues. It is connected to North-east regional grid. Basic data:-

1. Area : 10491.69 sq. KM
2. District : 4 (four)
4. No. of Towns :
5. No. of Consumer (Category-wise) : 3 lakhs (approx.)

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<tr>
<th>Sl.No.</th>
<th>Consumer Category</th>
<th>No. of Cons.</th>
<th>Share of Total consumers</th>
<th>Consumers on (MU)</th>
<th>Share of tente. Energy Consumption</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Domestic</td>
<td>199312</td>
<td>87.2</td>
<td>135.31</td>
<td>38.88</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Commercial</td>
<td>22473</td>
<td>9.88</td>
<td>30.0</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Industrial</td>
<td>2915</td>
<td>1.27</td>
<td>46.0</td>
<td>13.22</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Irrigation &amp; Agriculture</td>
<td>2057</td>
<td>0.90</td>
<td>65.22</td>
<td>18.74</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Public lighting</td>
<td>228</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>1.95</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Public Water works</td>
<td>579</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>51.0</td>
<td>14.66</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Ohters</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>0.08</td>
<td>13.67</td>
<td>3.93</td>
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6. Rural / semi-urban /Urban : Rural 70%, Semi-urban-20%, Urban-10%

7. (i) Generation (own) : 129 (MU)

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<th>Generation capacity (hydro) 3 x 5 MG</th>
<th>15</th>
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<td>Baramura Gas Station 2 x 5MG +1 x 6.5 MG</td>
<td>16.5</td>
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<td>Generation capacity (hydro) 3 x 5 MG</td>
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<td>Rokhia (GAS) 6 x 8 MG</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Maharani Micro Hydrel 2 x .5</td>
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<td>Diesel 4.5 MG</td>
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(ii) Import of CS share : 60 (MU)

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<th>Sl.No.</th>
<th>Allocated capacity &amp; station (MW)</th>
<th>Annual FC (Rs. Crore)</th>
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<td>1. Kapili – 17.33</td>
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<td>4.878</td>
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<td>2. Kathalguri – 4.00</td>
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<td>1.350</td>
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<td>4. DHEP- 7.21</td>
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<td>4.400</td>
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<td>5. AGBPP- 27.80</td>
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<td>27.700</td>
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<td>6. AGTDX-16.63</td>
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<td>10.490</td>
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<td>7. Loktak-15.00</td>
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<td>5.780</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>129.05</td>
<td>75.088</td>
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8. Demand:

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<th>Morning Peak (4 hours)</th>
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<td>130 MW</td>
<td>50 MW</td>
<td>80 MW</td>
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9. Present metering status (Target) : 100% metering of legal supply (Only 80% achieved)
10. Billing status (Target) : 100% (Only 8-9% achieved)
11. Realization : 80%
12. APDRP : Project scheme submitted. MOU signed.
15. Present Power Department : A State Govt. Electricity Deptt under Ministry of Power, Govt. of Tripura.

(i) Emp. 4300 numbers (approx.)
(ii) Under 1 CE (Elect.) reportable to Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Power, Govt. of Tripura. All functions of Electricity industry in Generation, transmission and distribution including rural supply are being carried out.

(iii) Present Financial status – 100% State Govt. support.
   1. Revenue expenditure
   2. Revenue realization
   3. Deficit

(iv) Tariff revision made July, 2003 (35% increase).

(v) Separate Department for Non-Conventional Energy (TREDA)

16. A small power is traded in November, 2004 and rest through “UI” after “ABT” in future.
17. Electrical Inspector – A set up exists under Public Works Department, Govt. of Tripura.

Activities:-

Regulations sent for publication

**LOGO of the State Electricity Commission published as**

- Conduct of Business Regulation.
- Supply Code Regulation.
- Performance Standard Regulation.
- Tariff Procedure Regulation.
- Miscellaneous Regulation.
- Consultancy Regulation.

**Regulation Draft under circulation / preparation:-**

- Grievance Management Regulation.
- Condition of Licensee.

**State Governments to provide:**

- Manpower infrastructure.
- Fund
- State Level Forum
- District Level Forum.
- A set of Rules as per Section-180

**TERC-**

1. Two meeting of SAC conducted.
2. Open House Discussion completed in 4(four) District Headquarters.
3. Petition from MES, GAIL received for deemed licence status and captive generating status respectively and referred to Power Department.
4. Tea planter’s association representation received and sent to Power Department.
5. Periodic consultation with State Government, Power Department, Public.
6. Attended FOIR meeting and meeting commenced by Union Power Minister.
7. State seminar/ national seminar.
8. Thrust on metering and change of defective meter.
10. New Plan

**HOPES OF THE COMMISSION -**

- Formation and establishment of Tripura State Electricity Corporation.
- New Tariff in 2005-06
- “Ombudsman” for consumer grievance redressal.
- Open House Discussion in four District Headquarters.
- Awareness campaign.

**FINANCE & ACCOUNTS –**

During the financial year 2004-05, all expenditure made for the Commission are taken care by Power Department, Govt. of Tripura till new consolidated furn is granted for SERC.