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Chief Minister, Governor review power projects in State

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ITANAGAR, Jan 27: Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, informed that to expedite the official procedure in getting clearances of the projects at the shortage period, single window policy has been adopted. He also assured all necessary security to the Power Developers, if at all it is required, provided that they write to the State government and for removing of all bottlenecks, including land acquiring.

Taking serious note of some Power Developers for not maintaining the time frame in completion of their projects, Khandu said, we will invoke penalty clause against those firms. In case if required, we may give the project to other developers. And also we will not allow, the developers to give their projects to others on their own, Khandu warned.

Stressing on job opportunity for indigenous people in the power projects, the Chief Minister said, if this is taken care and affected people are benefited, there can be no problem from the people. CM also laid stress on spot verification

of phases of development by the concerned Deputy Commissioners, and power officials in the district. Khandu also suggested for joint transmission line by the private developers and CPSUs.

The vibrant and vigorous efforts by the State government in completing the railways, roads, airfield and other infrastructures will definitely transform the Arunachal into a developed State, said Governor JJ Singh while participating in the second review meeting with Power developers here today.

Dwelling at length on the power initiatives in the State, Singh exhorted the developers to maintain time frame in completion of the projects. Complimenting the Chief Minister for initiating the holding of the review meeting, the Governor said the meeting will provide all with a platform for assessing the current status as regards to development of hydro-power potential of the State, to discuss best practices and also to evolve a road-map which should be adopted for improved and faster implementation

of all the hydro-power projects in the State.

Stating that we have to be conscious of the fact that the development should not come at the cost of the traditional rights of the local communities, Governor stressed on Corporate Social Responsibility. The developers should also do sufficient ground-work and build a reputation for themselves through entry-point activities before actually starting the project, said Singh. Suggesting educational and health care initiatives, he said, acceptance of local community is very important for success of any project. You have to instill a general feel amongst the denizens that the projects are for their benefits. Citing successful Uri power project of Jammu and Kashmir due to engagement of local people, he added, Singh strongly recommended for providing more employment opportunities to the Arunachalees. Agreeing with the chief Minister, he said, the State has the right to invoke penalty clause against the defaulters.

Earlier, initiating the review meeting

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Principal Secretary Power and Coordination, Dr. Hari Krishna Paliwal highlighted on the initiatives of state government in creating conducive environment for the power developers in taking up their projects at the earliest. Issues such as transportation, environment, communication and streamlining of procedures are taken up at all level with concerned ministries and organizations, including BSNL, civil aviation, Inland waterways authority etc. We are extremely serious in removing the bottlenecks, he added. Hydropower Parliamentary Secretary RT Khunjuju, APSPCB chairman, T. Norbu Thongdok, Chief Secretary Tabom Bam, hosts of senior officials and representatives of IPPs and CPSUs attended the inaugural function..

The two-day long review includes power point presentations by the representatives of IPPs and CPSUs. Twenty-six Independent Power Producers and two CPSUs are taking part in it.