

# Workshop on “Power Markets Development in India: Key Lessons Learnt”

Jointly held with

Power Division, Ministry of Power Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR) Government of Bangladesh

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At the bequest of Power Division (under MPEMR), the workshop was held to share the lessons and learning from the evolution of Indian Power Sector covering key laws, policies and regulations, besides the role of Transmission Agencies and Power Exchanges in the development of Indian Power Market. The workshop was held at Mukti Hall, Bidyut Babhan (Power Cell premises, Power Division), Dhaka, Bangladesh on 21st April 2016. Mr. Nasrul Hamid, MP, Hon’ble State Minister, MPEMR, Govt. of Bangladesh, the chief guest, in his inaugural speech acknowledged the timely relevance of the workshop given the country’s interest in developing a local power market and the significant energy opportunity it sees in regional market markets. To this end, he stressed on the need for capacity building of power sector professionals and pointed out that this critical gap was of high priority as the. He also used the forum to share some of the key investments planned for CBET, such that Bangladesh will be investing USD 1 billion in Bhutan for power-infrastructure development, along with India. He shared that Bangladesh plans to increase the import of electricity from India to 2,000 MW in the coming years. Eminent dignitaries who addressed the event delegates include Dr. Karl Wurster, Deputy Director, Economic Growth Office, USAID-Bangladesh, Mr. Monowar Islam, Secretary, Power Division, MEMPR, Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Govt. of Bangladesh, Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General, Power Cell, Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe and the vote of thanks was delivered by. Mr. V. K. Kharbanda, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe.

The thematic areas of the workshop focussed on the (1) Evolution of Indian Power Sector and Development of Competitive Power Market in India: Key Laws, Policies, and Regulations” and (2) Role of Transmission Agencies and Power Exchanges in the development of Indian Power Market“. SARI/EI ensured a robust knowledge-share by a select array of specialists like Mr. Mohan Menon, CEO, Balsa Consulting, New Delhi, Mr. Harish Saran, Executive Director, PTC Limited, Mr. M N Ravi Shankar, CEO & Head India Power, Queensland Coal Corporation, Delhi, Mr. S. K. Soonee, Chief Executive Officer, Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO), India and Mr Rajesh Mediratta, Director, India Energy Exchange.

The workshop concluded with a high-level panel discussion that brought forward the views on power market development and the importance of policies and regulations and role of government, deliberated by eminent panelists including Mr. A.R. Khan, Chairman, BERC, Mr. Salim Mehmud, Member, BERC, Mr. S.K Soonee, CEO, POSOCO, India, Mr. Sher Khan, USAID and Mr. V.K Kharbanda Project Director, SARI/EI. The panel unanimously recommended the benefits of a competitive power market for Bangladesh which shall strengthen the power sector and its entities. However this will require identifying and prioritizing the necessary capacities and systems to be put in place for a market design and regulations to facilitate transition to power trading. The workshop received an active participation of delegates from Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Power Cell and Power Division and other power sector agencies of Bangladesh. The workshop had 65 participants.



Mr. Nasrul Hamid, Hon’ble State Minister, MPEMR, Govt. of Bangladesh released an important SARI/EI report on ***Suggested Changes/Amendments in Electricity Laws, Regulations and Policies of South Asian Countries for Promoting Cross-Border Electricity Trade in the South Asian Region***. The report is first of its kind for the South Asia