

## **HARYANA POWER UTILITIES PRESS NOTE**

Chandigarh, Nov. 09 - A World Bank Supervision Mission headed by Ms Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee, Task Team Leader World Bank Washington visited Hisar and Chandigarh to review the progress of World Bank Funded Projects in the State. The Mission comprise of technical expert Mr Pedro and Mr Mac had a wrap up meeting with Financial Commissioner & Principal Secretary Power.

Giving details, Mrs Jyoti Arora, Special Secretary Power and Managing Director, Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam (HVPN) said here today that the Mission was impressed with the rapid progress on major aspects of the project and congratulated the implementing agency i.e. HVPN for their diligent and highly professional work on the project up-to-date.

Earlier, a loan agreement for USD 330 million (Rs.1650 crore) was signed by authorized representatives of Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, World Bank and Government of Haryana on August 17,2009. The loan assistance will be for three components i.e. for strengthening the transmission network- Rs.1250 crore, improvement in distribution system-Rs.350 crore and technical assistance- Rs.50 crore.

It was observed in the meeting that the HVPN had started the construction work of 400 KV substation, Nuhiyawali in district Sirsa along with associated transmission line. The project cost is about Rs. 150 crore. Similarly, the construction work of 400 KV substation, Sector-71 Faridabad was also progressing well. Both of the projects are targeted to be completed by March 2011. Their commissioning will go a long way in transmission of electricity in district Sirsa and Faridabad.

Mrs Arora said that HVPN is witnessing a quantum jump in its project execution programme from the level of Rs. 400 crore per annum in the last 2-3 years in the State , the HVPN has made a plan of investment of Rs. 5000 crore by the year 2012.

It has been planned to construct nineteen new 220 KV substations at Ferozpur Jhirka (Mewat), Samain, Adampur, Masoodpur and Sangwan(Hisar), three in Faridabad, two each in Panchkula and Gurgaon towns, Gannaur, Rai and Kharkhoda in Sonipat, Jansui (Ambala), Gignow (Bhiwani), Pinjore and Raiwali (Panchkula) with associated transmission lines. These areas will have about 500 KM new transmission lines after completion of the ambitious project.

The HVPN has also planned to setup two gas insulated 220 KV substations at Faridabad, one 66 KV substation at Panchkula and one 66 KV substation at Gurgaon. She said that enough land was not available in the towns for setting up new substations. The gas insulated substations will require minimum land and would be equipped with the latest technology. Besides, five 132 KV substations at village Sataundi (Karnal), Kairon (Bhiwani), Kabri (Panipat), Nangal Mohanpur (Mohindergarh) and Palli (Gurgaon) have been planned to strengthen the transmission system. The construction work of these substations will be awarded shortly.

Mrs Arora further stated that Rs. 350 core loan amount will be utilized by DHBVN for strengthening the distribution network in Gurgaon, Faridabad and Charakhi Dadri areas. The works include conversion of Low Tension feeders to High Voltage Distribution System, bifurcation of overloaded 11 KV feeders and segregation of industrial feeders etc.