

# FIFTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING

CERC OFFICE, NEW DELHI, INDIA  
FEBRUARY 10, 2012



**SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION**

C/o CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**Introduction**

- 1.1 The Fifth Executive Committee Meeting of SAFIR was held on February 10, 2012 at CERC Office, New Delhi, India. The Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by Dr. Pramod Deo, Chairman, SAFIR and Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), India.

**Welcome Remarks**

- 1.2 Dr. Pramod Deo, Chairman, SAFIR welcomed all the Members of Executive Committee to New Delhi, India and thanked SAFIR Secretariat for all the assistance for organizing the meeting. Other Members of the Executive Committee also appreciated the support being provided by the Secretariat in CERC.

**Confirmation of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting**

- 1.3 The minutes/summary of discussions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting along with the Action Taken Report (ATR) as circulated were confirmed.

**Problems faced by Bangladesh in utilizing its Coal Resources**

- 1.4 Mr. Syed Yusuf Hossain, Chairman, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) highlighted the problems faced by Bangladesh in not being able to efficiently utilize its coal resources for generation of electricity as exploiting coal resources involves displacement of people which can be quite challenging in a densely populated country like Bangladesh. He requested Chairperson, CERC to share the information in terms of similar problems faced by India and measures taken by India in exploiting coal reserves and the experience with regard to :
- Providing a package of adequate compensation.
  - Lifelong pension to those displaced from land.
  - Equity participation.
- 1.5 Chairman, BERC requested the information on India's New Land Acquisition Bill, 2011 and proposed Petroleum Regulation, 2011.

**SAFIR Secretariat**

- 1.6 The issue of locating the SAFIR Secretariat in Dhaka, Bangladesh was discussed. Chairman, CERC mentioned that since SAFIR has been registered as an Association of Persons (AOP) in India, it can enjoy the benefits of tax exemption and hence it was proposed to keep the Secretariat in India. However, the possibility of having a separate SAFIR Secretariat for the Chairman of Bangladesh (consisting of one representative of SAFIR) can be considered depending upon the Budget.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting**

- 1.7 It was decided to hold the next Steering Committee Meeting of SAFIR and National Regional Seminar on May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**Next Chairmanship of SAFIR**

- 1.8 It was proposed that the next Chairmanship of SAFIR could be taken up by Bangladesh. Mr. Syed Yusuf Hossain, Chairman, BERC accepted the offer to take over the Chairmanship of SAFIR.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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