

**Subject:** To write off the expenditure of Rs. 1,63,69,107.00 incurred on the construction of 220 KV Sarna-Kotli Surat Malhi Transmission Line.

**1. Introduction/Background :**

As per record of TLSC Division Jalandhar, the work of subject mentioned 220 KV Sarna-Kotli Surat Malhi line was commenced in the year 1999-2000 by the then TLSC Division, Pathankot of PSEB as per planning list of 1999-2000. The route plan of the line was approved by Transmission Design Directorate PSEB as under:

- a) Tower No.31 to 91 : Letter No.1782.Dt: 31/03/1999
- b) Tower No.91 to 181 : Letter No.1099Dt:11/02/2000
- c) Tower No.1 to 30 : Letter No.1074 dt:23/02/2000

1.1 According to approved route plan the length of the line was 61.642 kms. and estimate No.TLW-9/2001-2002 amounting to Rs.10,91,94,768.00 for electrical works had been approved by the Competent Authority and estimate for Civil works had not been sanctioned due to certain shortcomings in the estimate.

1.2 The TLSC Division, Pathankot had started the work of tower foundations in the year 1999-2000 and 43 Nos. foundations were laid by this division. Due to abolition of TLSC Division Pathankot, the work was transferred to Jalandhar division and 27 Nos. foundations were done by Jalandhar division. In this way only  $43 + 27 = 70$  Nos. foundations out of 185 Nos. were laid.

1.3 As per available records a meeting was held on 31/08/2002 under the Chairmanship of the then Member/Transmission and a portion of the MOM dated 31.08.2002 is reproduced as below:

"That it is already in the knowledge of all the officers that there is extreme constraints of funds in the board. It should be the primary duty of each officer that funds available to them must be properly utilized and to achieve this mission only few works should be started and completed instead of starting no. of works and leaving them incomplete for a longer time. A list was prepared after discussion with CE/TL, CE/Sub Station and their field officers where either the maximum work have already been completed or which are technically most required. It was decided by Member/Transmission that these works shown in the list must be completed by due date and further construction activity on any new work and outgoing work(to be read as ongoing) will not be carried out till it is approved by Member/T

Page 13 to 19 and for any violation of the instructions CE's will be fully responsible". (Annexure- 'A' Being not fully readable, therefore reproduced as above).

This 220 KV Sarna-Kotli Surat Malhi Line was not included in the list and as such work on this line was stopped. Kotli Surat Malhi S/S was energized by constructing another line i.e. LIL0 of 220 KV Wadala Granthia-Fatehgarh Churia at 220 KV Kotli surat malhi. Sr.Xen/TLSC Division Jalandhar vide his memo no. 5901 dated 11.09.2008 submitted a report to Dy.CE/TLSC Circle PSEB Jalandhar with a copy to CE/TL works section PSEB Patiala recommending the work to be carried out through outsourcing but the work was not resumed, the reasons for which are un available in the records. This work was also included in the planning list for 2006-07,2007-08,2010-11 and 2011-12 but the work was not restarted. The work was not taken in hand in view of MOM dated 31.08.2002 as no specific approval to restart the work was given.

1.4 Regarding utilization of these foundations for future use in case the work is re-planned a report has been submitted by AEE/TLSC S/D Pathankot vide his memo no. 176 dated 08.05.2019 addressed to ASE/TLSC Division Jalandhar in which he has brought out that these are old design foundations which are not laid down these days also only 5 No. foundations out of 70 are in order, the quality of which cannot be ascertain at this stage. Moreover it would not be technically prudent to use old designs towers which are prone to damage during heavy winds and storms. These foundations cannot be salvaged as their scrap value would be much less than the labour involved for the dismantlement of these foundations.

Page 20 to 23 1.5 Actual expenditure incurred on the work was Rs. 62.73 lac. The total expenditure including interest and administrative charges incurred as per special audit report of AO/Corporate Audit-II, PSTCL, and Patiala Dt: 06/01/2017 was Rs.1,63,69,107.00 (Annexure-'B').

Page 24 to 26 1.6 Due to unfruitful expenditure incurred on the work an audit para had been raised by CAG in its report of year 2005-06 para no.3.1.16. Agenda No.48/CE/TS dated 17.07.2019 has been prepared in response to minutes of meeting dated 29.3.2019 (Annexure-'C') regarding pending audit paras transferred to Administrative Secretary by the Committed on Public Undertakings (COPU) in respect of C&AG reports of PSTCL for FY 2004-05 to FY 2011-12. The committee decided to take necessary action to write of outstanding amounts in the books of account/against employee in case these amounts are non adjustable/non recoverable and all remedial measures have been taken.

Page 20 to 23 1.7 Although it is a case of unfruitful expenditure incurred on works. The officers/officials during whose tenure the work was executed have been listed in the special audit report (Annexure- 'B').





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Diary No. 788 /SPS/TS  
Dated 21/9/2020

Subject: CE/TS Agenda No. 18/CE/TS(TLSC) dated 21.07.2020-To write off the expenditure of Rs. 1,63,69,107.00 incurred on the construction of 220KV Sarna-Kotli Surat Malhi Transmission Line.

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The decision taken by Board of Directors in its 61<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 14.08.2020 at VIP Guest House, Mohali on the above subject is as under:-

"Board considered the agenda and unanimously disagreed with the report of Technical Audit. Thereafter, it was decided as under:

- i) Approval was accorded to write off the expenditure of Rs. 1,63,69,107/- (Actual expenditure Rs. 62.73 lac + administrative charges and interest charges) incurred on the work i.e. construction of 220KV Sarna-Kotli Surat Malhi line.
- ii) Disciplinary departmental proceedings shall be initiated against the following officers/officials mentioned in Annexure-G of the agenda by issuing charge sheets and finalize the same in a time bound manner:
  - (i) Shri Parveen Sharma.
  - (ii) Er. Kewal Krishan.
  - (iii) Er. Ravinder Kumar.
  - (iv) Er. Jagjit Singh.

This is for information and necessary action under due intimation to this office please.

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O/o Company Secretary  
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