

**The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor,  
Shri. Vinai Kumar Saxena,  
Union Territory of Ladakh**

**Subject: Joint Representation Regarding Proposed Joint Venture / Privatisation in  
Power Sector of Ladakh**

**Respected Sir,**

We, the undersigned stakeholders of Ladakh—including religious bodies and associations—wish to respectfully submit our concerns regarding the proposed formation of a Joint Venture (JV) in the power sector between LPDD and RECPDCL.

Ladakh is a remote, high-altitude region where electricity is not merely a utility but a basic necessity for survival, especially during harsh winters. Reliable and affordable power is critical not only for daily life but also for security and overall socio-economic development. Any reform in the power sector must therefore prioritize reliability, affordability, and public welfare over purely commercial objectives.

At present, Ladakh is undergoing a sensitive phase, with growing public demand for greater participation and safeguards over local resources. In such a situation, any decision to corporatize the power sector and transfer majority control to an external agency, without adequate public consultation, may not be appropriate and could lead to widespread concern. We are particularly apprehensive that a profit-driven model focused on return on investment and strict revenue recovery may result in a significant increase in electricity tariffs. Given the already high cost of living and limited income opportunities in Ladakh, this could impose a heavy financial burden on common citizens, small businesses, and essential public services such as schools and hospitals.

Furthermore, while electricity is currently affordable, corporatization may introduce additional commercial costs, making power less accessible—especially during winter months when consumption is highest. Even if subsidies continue, the financial burden will ultimately fall on either the public or the Government. It is also important to highlight that the existing power infrastructure in Ladakh has been developed over many years through substantial public investment and dedicated efforts under challenging conditions. Transferring control of such assets to an external entity may reduce local accountability, while financial responsibility may still remain with the Government.

Given Ladakh's unique geographical and climatic conditions, a standard commercial model may not be suitable. Any reform must be tailored to local realities, with proper consultation and a clear focus on safeguarding public interest. Additionally, several Human Resource (HR) issues of existing employees—such as promotions, regularization, and service conditions—remain unresolved. Moving employees into a

new structure without addressing these concerns could adversely impact their career progression and morale.

In view of the above, we respectfully request the following:

1. Immediate reconsideration or halting of the proposed JV in its present form.
2. Conduct of comprehensive and transparent consultations with all stakeholders, including employees, local representatives, and the general public.
3. Exploration of alternative models that improve efficiency and service delivery while keeping the power sector fully under public control.
4. Time-bound resolution of all pending HR issues of existing employees before any structural transition.

We sincerely hope that the Administration will take into account the unique needs and sentiments of the people of Ladakh and ensure that any decision taken is inclusive, transparent, and in the larger public interest.

Yours Faithfully,




President  
LBA



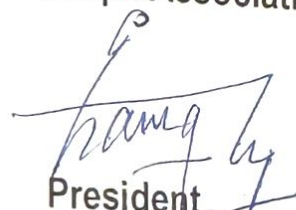
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