



# West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited

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## Preface

*The State of West Bengal is vulnerable to various natural calamities like flood, cyclone, hailstorm, thunder-squall, land-slide, erosion and earthquake because of its geomorphological, climatic and seismic condition. These natural disasters strike at the root of the economic growth of the State as a whole and of the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) in particular inflicting huge loss of property causing untold hardship in the lives of the people. The very purpose of WBSEDCL is to serve the society as a whole and its customers in particular. The performance and effectiveness of the Organisation can well be judged in terms of satisfaction level of the customers and its stakeholders. The Organisation recognizes of having a Disaster Mitigation Plan of its own with proactive, comprehensive and sustained approach to reduce the detrimental effects of different natural and artificial calamities on overall growth and development of the Organisation as well as maintaining of satisfaction level of the customers and the people in general. Hope, this Plan will serve as an effective tool to guide our manpower to make them prepared for eventualities at any time and will help to inculcate a sense of responsiveness and proactive attitude to deal with emergencies to restore our system and to stand beside our valued customers in their hours of need.*

Sd/-

(Rajesh Pandey)

Chairman and Managing Director

## *A Few Words*

**“Prepare and prevent, don’t repair and repent” - Anonymous**

In keeping with the above spirit the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited, being engaged in distribution of electricity primarily responsible to provide un-interrupted quality power to its customers, has been contemplating from quite some time past to formulate a full-fledged and updated Disaster Mitigation Plan of its own to cope up with the emergent situation at the time of need in present day perspective. The practices were there to handle the emergent situation. This plan is an attempt to lay down certain broad principles ideas to disseminate the expectations of the Company to combat the situation which may arise due to an emergent condition.

Through this space, I would like to acknowledge the active support rendered by all Officers and Staff members in compilation of the Disaster Mitigation Plan.

It is expected that employees of the Company by and large will be benefitted through this Disaster Mitigation Plan - 2013 and the interest of the Company as a whole will be guarded.

*Sd/-*  
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# WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

## DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN – 2013

### **1. Short Title and commencement :**

This Plan shall be known as ‘The Disaster Mitigation Plan of West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited– 2013’ and this is effective on and from 1st July, 2013.

### **2. Definition :**

Under repugnant to the context and inconsistent with the relevant Acts and Rules made thereunder,

- a) ‘State’ means State of West Bengal
- b) ‘Company’ means ‘West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL)’
- c) ‘Employee’ means a person appointed by WBSEDCL against a regular post.
- d) ‘Disaster’ means a catastrophe, mishap, calamity or grave occurrence in any area arising from natural or artificial causes or by accident which results in substantial loss or damage to the property or degradation of environment and is of such a nature or magnitude as to be beyond the coping capacity of the community of the affected area, crisis or untoward situation arises due to natural calamity or artificial calamity.
- e) ‘Disaster Mitigation’ means a continuous and integrated process of planning, organizing, coordinating and implementing measures which are necessary or expedient for mitigation of the crisis arising out of natural or artificial calamity.

- f) 'District Authority' means the District Disaster Management Authority constituted as per Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- g) 'State Authority' means State Disaster Management Authority constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- h) 'Infrastructure' means different electrical, civil and mechanical infrastructure of the Company installed for generation and distribution of electricity.
- i) 'Installation' means electrical and mechanical equipment of the Company installed for generation and distribution of electricity.
- j) 'Materials' means materials required for construction of electrical network like Pole, Conductor, Transformer, Cable, iron materials etc.
- k) 'Sub-Station' means 33/11 KV Sub-Stations in the distribution network.
- l) 'Distribution Network' means the electrical network required for distribution of power to the consumer.
- m) 'Consumer' means any person or Organisation enjoying electricity from the Company as consumer.
- n) 'HT Line' means High Tension line above 440 volts.
- o) 'LT line' means Low Tension line upto 440 volts
- p) 'Control Room' means Control Room of a Sub-Station/ Generating Station

