

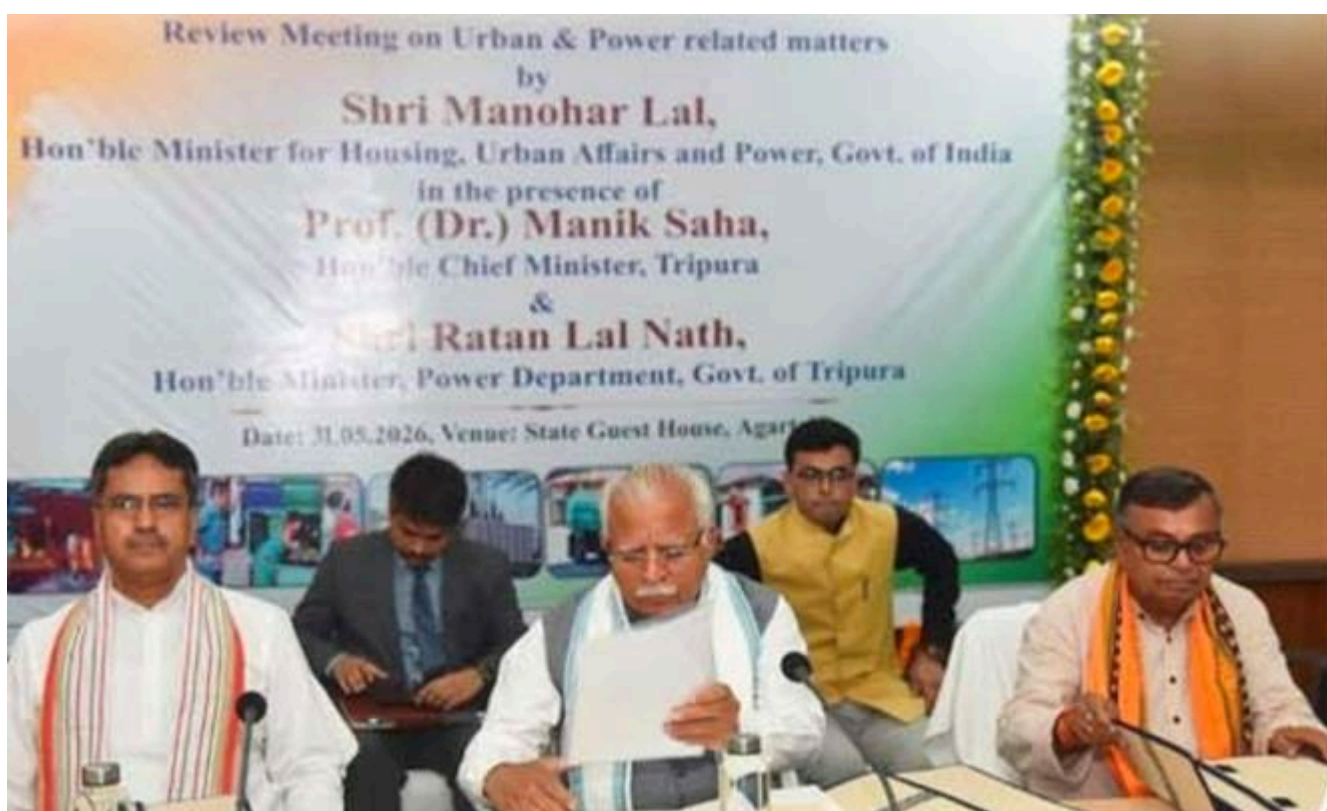
Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal reviews Power Sector and Urban Development Schemes with Tripura Government

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Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, reviewed the matters relating to power sector and urban development schemes for the State of Tripura in Agartala today.

The meeting was attended by Chief Minister of Tripura Sh.Manik Saha, and Minister for Power, Government of Tripura, along with senior officials from the State Government, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India, and Power Sector CPSEs.

The meeting started with the Union Minister highlighting the key areas where the State Power department and the State Power sector PSUs could work on with a detailed action plan. Matters relating to the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and operational and financial parameters of the DISCOM were discussed. He emphasised the need for reducing Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses and improving the financial performance of the DISCOMs. He highlighted the need for improving the revenue collections with particular focus on prepaid conversion of meters installed with Government consumers / establishments. He reviewed the progress of smart metering in the State and advised expeditious implementation. The State committed to conversion of Government consumers to prepaid metering by August, 2026 and completion of pending smart meter works July 2027.



He further reviewed the status of resource adequacy and intra-State Transmission planning of the State so as to meet the growing demand and advised the State to ensure that transmission capacity addition keeps pace with demand growth. The State committed to expeditious augmentation of intra-State transmission infrastructure and adoption as per the resource adequacy plan. Progress under PM-KUSUM and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana was also reviewed; the State was advised to leverage these schemes to expand access to clean energy, including in remote and underserved areas. The State Committed to install Rooftop Solar for 2 lakh consumers by March, 2027. This would also help in reducing the cost of electricity for these consumers.

He mentioned that sincere efforts will go a long way in making the State DISCOM financially viable and the State power sector self-sufficient.

Union Minister of Power assured of continued support and cooperation of the Government of India in the overall development of the State.

The Chief Minister assured that the State would take all necessary measures for expeditious implementation of the works sanctioned for the State and for improving the overall performance of the power sector.

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