

## **Report on visit to Nepal for NPIS 2018 and site visit to Arun 3 Project from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### **27<sup>th</sup> January 2018: (Arrival in Kathmandu at 3:00 PM)**

#### ▪ **Nepal Power Investment Summit 2018-**

Nepal Power Investment Summit(NPIS) was held at Kathmandu from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 by Energy Development Council. Around 350 delegates from various countries including those from SAARC countries, Europe, Unites States, China, Korea etc. participated in the event. Organizers of NPIS extended invitation to Sh. N L Sharma, CMD, SJVN for dinner. During the dinner gathering, CMD met Sh. Madhav Kumar Nepal, the Hon'ble Ex-Prime Minister of Nepal and apprised him with the latest status of the Arun 3 Hydro Project.



*CMD, SJVN during interaction with Sh. Madhav Kumar Nepal, the Hon'ble Ex-PM of Nepal*

CMD also met Sh. Gyanendra Bahadur Karki, the ex- Finance Minister of Nepal and discussed the issues regarding the Arun 3 Project and the difficulties faced by SJVN in its implementation. CMD also met Sh. Kul Man Ghising, the Managing Director of Nepal Electricity Authority and discussed about the present condition and capacity of Energy Transmission System of Nepal. Discussions and interactions with various other officials of Nepalese Government, Leaders of Nepalese Political Parties, representatives of Financial Institutions, banks, power companies and reporters were also held.

**28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

Sh. N L Sharma, CMD, SJVN was invited to Chair a panel discussion on 'Foreign Direct Investment in Nepal's Power Sector' on second day of NPIS i.e. 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. In his opening speech, Sh. Sharma pointed out the various reasons for lesser investment in power sector of Nepal and also showed the way forward for strengthening the power sector of Nepal based on rich experience of SJVN in power sector. CMD chaired the panel discussion in which eminent speakers from power sector companies and financial institutions were the participants.



*Sh. N L Sharma, CMD, SJVN addressing the audience in NPIS 2018*

▪ **Meeting with CEO of Everest Bank of Nepal-**

Everest Bank of Nepal is one of the bankers who is under consideration for Debt financing of Arun 3 Project and Transmission Line. CMD and Director (Finance) of SJVN met Sh. Someshwar Seth, Chief Executive Officer and Sh. Rajesh Gautam, DGM of Everest Bank regarding the Debt Financing for the project. CEO, SAPDC was directed to complete the formalities for Debt Financing with the approval of SJVN BOD.



*CMD and Director(Finance) meeting with CEO, Everest Bank of Nepal*

- Meeting with Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Investment Board of Nepal-

CMD along with Director (Finance) and CEO, SAPDC met with Sh. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Investment Board and Member Secretary, Investment Board of Nepal (IBN). Sh. Adhikari was requested to expedite various pending issues of Arun 3 project with IBN. Sh. Adhikari assured that he will fast track the pending issues of Arun-3 for timely execution of project.



*CMD, SJVN greeting CEO, OIBN*

- Meeting with HE the Ambassador of India to Nepal-

In the evening, Sh. N L Sharma, CMD along with Sh. A S Bindra, Director(Finance) and Sh. S K Sharma, CEO, SAPDC called upon His Excellency the Ambassador of India to Nepal, Sh. Manjeet Singh Puri.



*With His Excellency the Ambassador of India to Nepal*

CMD, SJVN apprised the Hon'ble ambassador about the progress and latest status of the Arun 3 Hydro Project. Sh. Puri stressed upon the importance of the project for Indo-Nepal relations. The ambassador expressed his happiness over the progress of the project till now. The Hon'ble ambassador also stressed upon the frequent visits of top management of SJVN to oversee and expedite the construction activities of Arun 3

Project, being the most prestigious projects executed in Nepal by an Indian Government owned company. CMD assured the Hon'ble ambassador that SJVN will complete the project within the targeted date.

### **29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

- Visit to Arun 3 Project Sites-

In the early morning, Sh. N L Sharma, CMD, Sh. A S Bindra, Director(Finance), Sh. S S Uppal and Sh. Pravin B Patel, Independent Directors on BOD of SJVN, Sh. Kul Man Ghising, MD, NEA, Sh. Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indian Embassy, Sh. N Ram Prasad, Sh. Counsellor, Indian Embassy, Sh. Kapidhawaja Pratap, Second Secretary, Indian Embassy, alongwith CEO, SAPDC and others reached Tumlingtar.



*CMD and others being received by SAPDC employees at Tumlingtar*

Visit to Didding (Powerhouse complex site)- During the visit to Powerhouse complex site, CMD met with the Site-In-charge and other engineers looking after the works of powerhouse complex. The Site In-charge showed various drawings pertaining to Powerhouse complex.



*At Powerhouse complex site, Didding*

Various issues pertaining to powerhouse complex were discussed. Regarding Construction of 28.69 KM ROW to Power House Site CMD observed that in view of the expected award of contract related to Package-2, the progress on the ROW need to be given special attention considering its slow progress and at least the trace-cut of the same shall be completed latest by 31.03.2018.

Regarding stoppage of Right of Way works from the chainage 24.00 KM to 28.69 KM to Power House Site and subsequent to the cabinet approval w.r.t. the related portion, the progress on the road works were apprised to CMD, wherein he emphasized that this is becoming critical thus needs to be completed latest by end of February 2018. He further directed that thereafter the related teams must shift to the newly constructed / renovated dwelling units for effective disposal of construction activities.



*At the newly constructed dwelling units at powerhouse complex site*

Visit to Dam Site, Dovan- After the visit to Powerhouse complex site, CMD and others reached the Dam site at Dovan. The activities related to ROW from Dovan to Dam Top, Tree Cutting Process, Job facilities, Widening of Road, etc. were physically verified by CMD & Directors.

CMD observed that though there is considerable progress in the Dam works, but some activities need to be given more emphasis and continuous monitoring. He particularly advised all the concerned to strictly adhere to the construction schedule as defined,

thereby endeavoring for early completion of the project execution. CMD also visited the Job Facilities of JP Associates, etc. and appreciated the same.



*Visit to Dam Site, Dovan*

CMD was apprised that the sites related to Package-1 (especially the Magazine and Approach to Diversion Tunnel Outlet), already stand handed over to the Contractor i.e. M/s JP Associates. CMD was also apprised that the schedule for construction activities was being adhered to. For instance, the land required for Package-1 is being handed over to the contractor as per scheduled project construction activities.

CMD also met the Site In-charge of the contractor M/s JP Associates at Dovan alongwith other engineers and staff posted at Dam site. CMD enquired about the manpower deployed by contractor, status of the facilities such as labour camps etc. constructed by the contractor.



*Meeting Dam Site In-charge of M/s JAL*

Visit to Transmission Line, Dhalkebar- During the visit to 400 KVA Transmission Line Project (spread over seven (07) Districts of Nepal, CMD & Directors discussed details of

the project activities. Herein, CMD was informed that the identification of Land Parcels for construction of Transmission line stands completed and the related Social Survey for RAP preparation & its subsequent disclosure is under way. CMD directed that the land acquisition process needs to be carefully handled and completed in cost effective manner. Discussions were also held with Sh. Kul Man Ghising, the Managing Director of Nepal Electricity Authority for connecting with the grid.



*Discussion with MD, Nepal Electricity Authority at Dhalkebar*

Meeting with all HoDs of SAPDC - While chairing the meeting with all HoDs, CMD again emphasized that, all efforts need to be made for completion of project activities on war footing, with a motive for its early completion. He emphasized that the latest monitoring Software need to be used for identifying the lacunas and eradicate the same. CMD also stressed upon the construction of roads with drainage system before the start of rainy season.

It was categorically communicated by the CMD that the Project being of National importance to both the governments i.e. Govt. of India and Govt. of Nepal, need to be handled by the team considering themselves as ambassadors of India to Nepal, thereby maintaining pride of the Country (India) as well as the Organisation (SJVN).



*CMD and Directors meeting SAPDC employees*

Thereafter, CMD and Directors addressed a general house of all the employees of SAPDC (those on deputation from SJVN and the locals recruited by SAPDC), wherein he assured all possible facilities to the best of standards, thereby boosting their morale, in view of their hardships in the remotest areas of Nepal. CMD assured full support of the SJVN Management and directed CEO, SAPDC to make full efforts for facilitation of employees. It was directed to strengthen the Telecommunication and internet network at sites for better communication in collaboration with concerned agencies of Government of Nepal.

### **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

Meeting with M/s JP Associates – In the morning, CMD, Director(Finance) and CEO, SAPDC held a meeting with Sh. Pravin Singh, Director, M/s JP Associates along with his team comprising of Sh. Alok Shrivastav and Sh. Ashok Sharma, wherein they were specifically communicated to immediately mobilize their machinery matching to the requirements of the C1 package construction activities with a special emphasis on starting the construction and maintaining its quality and timely completion of project construction as per schedule given / agreed to by them. During discussions CEO, SAPDC was directed to expedite the matters regarding Magazine location in consultation with Nepalese Army, setting up of labour camps by contractor. CMD further advised CEO, SAPDC to explore the possibilities of hiring of machinery from local suppliers for M/s JP Associates in case there is delay in arrival of machinery of the contractor.

Visit to SAPDC Office-cum-Residential Complex -CMD & Directors visited the under construction Office-cum-Residential Complex of SAPDC at Tumlingtar. CMD was apprised that the construction works of the main buildings will be completed latest by end of March 2018.





*Visit to Office complex and Residential complex at Tumlingtar*

CMD & Directors also planted 'Rudraksh Trees' in the Complex, before leaving for Kathmandu.



*At Office complex and Residential complex, Tumlingtar*



*Rudraksh Plantation by CMD*

Meeting with Sh. K P Oli, Hon'ble Ex-PM of Nepal- On returning from Tumlingtar, CMD, D(F) & CEO met with Sh. K.P.Sharma Oli, the Hon'ble Ex-Prime Minister of Nepal at his residence in Bhaktapur in the evening and apprised him the status of Arun-3 HEP. The meeting was held in very conducive atmosphere. Sh. Oli assured his full support for timely completion of Arun-3 HEP and for resolving various issues with Govt of Nepal.

CMD, SJVN requested Sh. Oli, who is also expected to be the next Prime Minister of Nepal, to allot more projects to SJVN. CMD also extended a courteous invitation to

Hon'ble Sh. Oli for visit to Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station and Rampur Power Hydro Power Station for firsthand experience of the capabilities of SJVN.



*Greeting Sh. K P Oli, the Hon'ble Ex-PM of Nepal*



*Meeting with Sh. K P Oli, the Hon'ble Ex-Prime Minister of Nepal*

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