

POWER DEPARTMENT GORKHALAND TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION

Power Department, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration was created due to its requirement for looking after the electrical infrastructure those were created by the erstwhile DGHC over a period time in the past. Since its inception in 1991 this Department is known as Power Department.

Initially Rural Electrification works were executed through rural electrification wing of W.B.S.E.B. as deposit work. As a result of recommendation of the High Power Committee vide Notification No. 361-HA dated 10th August, 1999, the erstwhile DGHC was empowered to execute the Rural Electrification Schemes in its administrative jurisdiction. In order to undertake Rural Electrification work in the hill areas of Darjeeling on an urgent footing a Govt. Notification No 180-Power/III, dated 07.06.2000 of the Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Power, Kolkatta was issued by the Order of the Governor. Following this notification an additional wing in the name of Rural Electrification (RE) Wing has been set up which came into effect in DGHC from the second half of the year 2000 itself.

However, due to the mounting public pressures and to fulfill the aspirations of the deprived rural population of this basic necessity, and to overcome the constraints and to expedite execution of Rural Electrification Schemes the competent authorities of DGHC expanded its Rural Electrification Wing with the formation of Three Divisions namely viz Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong each headed with an Executive Engineer with effect from 1st March 2007.

LOCATION : -

For better administrative set up in the entire G.T.A. level the Department has integrated with its headquarter office at Woodland near Circuit House, Darjeeling.

ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP:- To implement various schemes for the Power Department, it has the following 7(Seven) Offices under its control.

Sl.no.	Name	Name of the Office with Designation
1	Shri Norbuji Lama	Member On Duty, Power Department, G.T.A., Darjeeling.
2	Shri Sonam Bhutai, WBCS (Exe)	Executive Director, Power Department, G.T.A., Darjeeling.
3	Shri Deepak Pradhan, B.E.	Project Manager, Power Department, Woodland, G.T.A., Darjeeling
4	Shri Bimal Pradhan, B.E.	Executive Engineer, Power Department, Kurseong Division, G.T.A., Kurseong.
5	Shri Churamani Rai, A.M.I.E.	Executive Engineer, Power Department, Kalimpong Division, G.T.A., Kalimpong.
6	Shri Suraj Thapa, B.E.	Executive Engineer, Power Department, Darjeeling Division-I, G.T.A., Darjeeling.
7	Smt Sunita Thapa, B.E.	Executive Engineer, Power Department, Darjeeling Division-II, G.T.A., Darjeeling.

ACTIVITIES OF POWER DEPARTMENT

1. Preparation of the Annual Action Plan for the Energy & Power Sector under G.T.A. area.
2. Sub-Allotment of funds of State Plan (SP), Hill Affairs (HA), Special Central Assistant (SCA), Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund(RIDF) etc for Power Department under G.T.A. area and related works in relation to above funds.
3. Preparation of Utilization Certificates and Physical Progress reports of various schemes.
4. Preparation of Budget estimates for different schemes under Power Department.
5. Establishment matters of Power Department.
6. Organizing meeting of Council Rural Energy Committee, G.T.A..
7. Rural Electrification Programme.
8. Mini-Micro Hydel Schemes.
9. System Improvement Schemes under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund Programme.
10. Solar Energy Schemes in Co-ordination with WBREDA under MNES programme.
11. Internal Electrification Works for Community Halls and Other Departmental Buildings under G.T.A.
12. Electrical Maintenance works for various other Departments under G.T.A.

SOME OF THE WORKS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY POWER DEPARTMENT

- Installation and commissioning of Rural Electrification works at Shantidhura, Rebong, Gopaldhura and Kimbudhura at Mungpoo, G.T.A. The work had been completed and energized on 02nd March 2014 in the presence of Shri Ratan Thapa Executive Member and local Sabhasad of Mungpoo Constituency benefitting 105 households.
- Installation and Commissioning of Rural Electrification works at Apetar and Dampetar, Dudhia, Kurseong, G.T.A. The work had been completed and energized on 2nd November 2013 in presence of the local Sabhasad Shri Pranay Thapa benefitting 24 households.

***SOME OF THE ONGOING WORKS UNDER
POWER DEPARTMENT***

- At present some Renovation and Repairing of Internal Electrification works of Animal Resources Development Department projects are going on at Kurseong Division.



Newly Constructed Veterinary Hospital Bldg under ARD Deptt, at Kurseong

RAJIV GANDHI GRAMIN VIDYUTIKARAN YOJANA

RGVY Scheme has been sanctioned by the Govt. of India for the electrification of Rural areas of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration in five different packages covering 1177 villages with 50746 rural households/ consumers. The scheme includes 2 nos. of 33/11 kV Substation of Capacity 2 x 3.15 MVA at Rangli-Rangliot and Kalimpong – II Block.

Sl.No.	Name of Block	Package	No. of Villages	No. of BPL Consumers	Total No. of consumers
1	Darjeeling - Pulbazar	I	241	4445	14277
2	Rangli-Rangliot		102	2304	2762
3	Jorebunglow-Sukhiapokhri	II	265	4455	6473
4	Kalimpong - I	III	133	3563	5309
5	Kalimpong - II		134	3017	3603
6	Gorubathan		107	1790	8845
7	Kurseong	IV	126	1974	6371
8	Mirik		69	2875	3106
9	33/11 kV S/S at Rangli-Rangliot and Kalimpong – II Block	V			
Total			1177	24423	50746

At present verification of Survey submitted by the agencies are going on at all the blocks.

SOME OF THE HYDEL PROJECTS WITHIN GTA.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Project</i>	<i>Installed Capacity (No. x KW)</i>	<i>Year of Installation</i>	<i>Aggregate installed capacity (in KW)</i>	<i>Aggregate capacity in operation (in KW)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Sidrabong	4 x 200	1887/1935	800	800	In operation
2	Fazi	2 x 200 1 x 400 1 x 448 1 x 400	1933 1949 1957 1983	1648	1248	2 units of 200 KW Capacity (400 KW Deleted)
3	Singtom	1 x 200 2 x 480	1935 1943	1160		Not in operation
5	Ringchington	2 x 1000	1979	2000	2000	in operation
6	Fazi Augment	1 x 1200	1985	1200	1200	in operation
7	Jaldhaka Stage - II	2 x 4000	1985	8000	8000	1 units of 4000 KW Capacity yet to be installed
8	Rangmook Ceedars	4 x 125	1997	500	500	in operation by Tea Dev. Corp.
9	Mungpoo Kalikhola	3 x 1000		3000	3000	in operation
Total					15548	

***SOME OF THE HYDEL PROJECTS(RUN OF RIVER SCHEME)
PROPOSED WITHIN GTA***

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Name of the Project</i>	<i>Proposed Installed Capacity (KW)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Mechi	70	
2	Shirikhola	250	
3	Rato Khola	200	
4	Gurdum	200	
5	Rithu	600	
6	Dilpa	150	
7	Tonglu	600	
8	Rangmook	600	
9	Paschim	200	
10	Sangma	600	
11	Lopchu	500	
12	Jhepi	600	
13	Geile	300	
14	Rongbong	500	
15	Sindabong	1200	
16	Tangta	200	
17	Naxal	600	
18	Neora	2400	
19	Dudhia	600	
20	Marma	150	
21	Bhim	1200	
22	Relli	2000	
Total		13720	