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CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC), New Delhi.

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) was established in 2008. It is an initiative towards creating an intellectual and knowledge base on competition policy & law and economic regulation. CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) was conceptualised and incubated by CUTS International, a 30-year old consumer organisation with vast experience in economic policy research, competition law and economic regulations. The slogan 'enhancing knowledge, strengthening capacity' explicitly defines the work area of the institute. The unique feature of CIRC is that the quality of educational and training programmes is at par with the developed countries. This is achieved through association with renowned universities/institutions in the identified subjects. CIRC is governed by 15 member Governing Council chaired by Mr. Nitin Desai, Former Under Secretary of United Nations and includes several eminent persons: including economists, legal experts, academicians and former civil servants as its members. (More at www.circ.in)

Rachana Management Consultants & Studies (P) Ltd (RMCS), Mumbai

Rachana Management Consultants & Studies (P) Ltd, Mumbai was established and incorporated under the Company Act, 1956 in the year 2000 by a group of professionals, academicians and management experts, inspired by training culture learnt in the Department of Atomic Energy. The mission of the RMCS is to provide cost effective business solutions and HRD services. RMCS has conducted large number of Management Development Programmes for Government, Public Sector Units, Regulatory Commissions and Power Utilities. As regards experience in Power sector, RMCS has conducted various training programmes under the title "KEY DRIVERS FOR THE ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS" viz: Concepts and processes in Electricity Regulation, Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) and Annual Performance Review (APR), Legal Literacy and Legal Aspects for Power/Energy Sector Professions, Financial Literacy for Power Sector Professionals etc. The programmes were conducted for Officers and staff of Electricity Regulatory Commissions and Power Utilities on a Pan India basis. RMCS has also conducted various training programmes on Safety, Quality Management and training programmes on soft skills.

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**CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC), New Delhi
and
Rachna Management Consultants & Studies (P) Ltd, Mumbai**

**3 day Workshop on
"Legal Literacy and Legal Aspects of Power Sector"**

for
Professionals Working in Power Sector



18th September to 20th September, 2014

at
**The Muse Sarovar Portico
A-1, Chirag Enclave, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110048**



Indian power sector has been undergoing dynamic changes during the last two decades with the introduction of power sector reforms and regulatory processes. With the globalization India's income levels grew significantly and created huge demand for power sector consumption both for households and commercial purpose. This has become a challenge to augment the supply partly because of investment bottleneck but largely due to public resistance for land acquisition. With the support of private players in the private public partnership, nevertheless various new projects have been commissioned and few are in the pipeline. While there has been an increasing growth of new players power generation and supply, the necessary manpower skill development has not been kept pace. This resulted in lack of skills for the employees in terms of understanding the complexities of power generation, transmission and distribution aspects. The employees with technical knowledge require updating themselves with finance, economic, commercial and legal aspects of the sector in order for them to grow vertically in the respective organizations. Also, the regulatory mechanism has undergone so many changes and also the state level regulations in terms of tariffs and pricing and monitoring requires specific legal skills and broad framework of legislative enactments and case laws with a focus on the power sector to perform the job profile.



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

At the end of the workshop, the participants should be:

- able to decipher, analyse and understand the legal aspects of their working in the power sector/regulatory commission
- become sensitized towards the legal aspects of their functioning as working professionals and managers in their respective commissions/utilities; and
- should be able to understand the 'legal' ramifications of their routine work.

WORKSHOP CONTENTS

- Evolution of Regulatory process in the Indian Power Sector**
 - Features of Electricity Act, 2003
 - National Electricity Policy
 - National Electricity Plan
 - National Tariff Policy
 - Competitive Bidding Guideline
 - Power Purchase Agreement
 - Open Access
 - Interface between SERCs & CERC, FOR, MOP
- The Constitution of India: (A brief study)**
 - Preamble, Introduction and salient features of the Indian Constitution
 - The Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State policy
 - The Union, The States and the relations between the Union and the States;
 - The Seventh Schedule List
- Indian Legal System: (An overview)**
 - The Role Supreme Court, High Courts, District Courts and Tribunals
 - Arbitration
 - Important Decisions of High Courts and Supreme Court
- Quasi-judicial function-Functions and Structure of SERCs**
 - Quasi-judicial function-Functions of SERCs
 - How is a quasi-judicial function different from the functioning of other courts?
- Structure of SERCs
- Functions of SERCs
- SERC's Jurisdiction
- Code of Conduct as Officers of the Court
- 5) Basic Legal Concepts**
 - Principles of law and justice
 - Principles of Natural Justice
 - Evidence Act, Contract Act and any other acts applicable
 - Relevance of statutes other than the Electricity Act, 2003 for SERC's functions
- 6) Power Purchase Agreement and its Legal Aspects.**
 - Emergence of PPA
 - Legislative Set up PPA
 - PPA and EA-2003
 - Challenges and issues faced by Power Purchase Agreement
- 7) Licensing**
 - Types of Licensing, exemptions, deemed licensees; franchisee, competitive bidding, emerging scenario (multiple players); multi buyer model
- 8) Grievance Redressal Mechanism Under Electricity Act, 2003 - (Scope, Constitution and Procedure)**
 - Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF)
 - Ombudsman
- 9) Important Decisions of Appellate Tribunal, High Court and Supreme Court-Case Laws**

METHODOLOGY

The workshop is experiential and highly interactive, so that ideas and concepts are easily grasped and transfer and retention are effective. It includes exercises, case studies, lectures, analysis, power point presentations & discussions etc.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The workshop is suitable for senior officers from Electricity Regulatory Commissions, engineers and managers, Regulatory Cells of the power utilities, Planning Operation and Maintenance group of Public and Private Sectors, Consultants and Academicians, dealing with regulatory affairs.

Since the workshop is limited to 25-30 participants, nominations will be accepted on first-come-first-serve basis.

FACULTY & FACILITATORS

Eminent leaders and legal experts from Regulatory Commissions, Government and Power Industry Power Trading Companies will share their knowledge and experience as resource persons.

VENUE

The Muse Sarover Portico, A-1, Chirag Enclave, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110048

PARTICIPATION FEES

- FOR NON RESIDENTIAL PARTICIPANT:**
Rs. 20,000.00 + 12.36% Service Tax per participant.
- FOR RESIDENTIAL PARTICIPANT:**
Rs. 28,500.00 + 12.36% Service Tax per participant. (AC accommodation on twin sharing basis for 3 nights) Check in Time 12.00 Noon and Checkout time 11.00 am.
(Please note additional night occupancy at Rs. 5000/ per person per night on MAP basis)
- FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANT:**
\$ 1550/- (Inclusive all Taxes and Boarding and Lodging for 4 nights) per participant..

(Both types of participants will be provided with business lunch, light refreshments, course material and certificate of participation) Nomination fee is non-refundable, however participation by a substitute is allowed.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT

10% for 3(three) or more nominations from same organisation.

DATE & DURATION

3 days: 18th Sept. to 20th Sept, 2014, Time 0930 -1730 hours

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION

5th September, 2014

PAYMENT

DD/Cheque drawn in favour of " CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition" and payable at par at New Delhi.