

5. DISCOMs Eligible :

All State-owned Distribution companies and State /UT Power Departments (referred to as DISCOMs collectively) excluding private Sector power companies will be eligible for financial assistance under the Revamped Scheme.

6. Funding Pattern :

6.1 For rolling out prepaid Smart metering in a mission mode under Part A – in “Other than Special Category States”, a fixed amount of 15% (22.5% in case of Special Category States) of the cost per meter worked out over the whole project period, subject to a maximum of Rs. 900/- (Rs. 1350/- in case of special category States) per meter in case of consumer meters, will be funded.

6.2 States/UTs would be incentivised for deployment of prepaid Smart meters by December, 2023. An incentive @ 7.5% of the cost per consumer meter worked out for the whole project or Rs. 450 per consumer meter, whichever is lower, would be provided for “Other than Special Category States” for prepaid Smart meters installed within the targeted timeline of first phase mission i.e. by December, 2023. The incentive for Special Category States would be @ 11.25% of the cost per consumer meter worked out for the whole project or Rs. 675 per consumer meter, whichever is lower. The funds for prepaid Smart Metering will be made available to the DISCOMs only after installation, commissioning and demonstration of at least one prepaid billing period in the area specified by the DISCOM in the DPR approved by the Monitoring Committee.

6.3 Development of applications related to the use of advanced ICT like Artificial Intelligence, machine Learning and Blockchain Technology in the Distribution Sector and the unified billing and collection system will be funded 100% through the GBS.

6.4 For Distribution System upgradation works, maximum financial assistance given to DISCOMs of “Other than Special Category States” will be 60% of the approved cost, while for the DISCOMs in “Special Category States”, the maximum financial assistance will be 90% of the approved cost.

6.5 For the purpose of execution of this Scheme, all North Eastern States including Sikkim and States of Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand and Union Territories of