

Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Power/Vidyut Mantralaya  
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi  
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Dated, the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

Dear Principal Secretary/Secretary (Power)

This is with reference to the appeal of the Hon. Prime Minister to the people to voluntarily switch off their lights at 9.00 PM on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. The National Load Despatch Centre has worked out the procedures for grid balancing during the period which they will be communicating to the Regional and State Load Despatch Centres separately. It is requested that the following may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

The appeal of the Honourable Prime Minister to the people is to voluntarily switch off only the lights at 9.00 PM on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. There is no call to switch off either streetlights or appliances like TVs, Refrigerators and ACs in homes. Adequate arrangements and protocols are in place to handle the variation in demand. People should be assured not to worry and continue running all the appliances as usual.

Local bodies may be advised to keep the street lights on so as to avoid any law and order problems.

The lights in hospitals and other essential services will remain on.

Detailed instructions are being issued by POSOCO.

Yours sincerely,



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To  
All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Power)