



De-stressing the Indian power sector

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About ENRich

The ninth edition of ENRich, KPMG in India's flagship event for the Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) sector, is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 11 December 2018 at Hyatt Regency, Bhikaji Cama Place, Ring Road, New Delhi, India. The theme of the conclave is 'New partnerships for new energy'.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and General (Retd.) V. K. Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs have consented to grace the occasion.

The energy sector in India is witnessing massive disruption due to alternative sources of energy, the geo political scenario and technological advancements. In the light of these developments, this year, the discussions will focus on the following themes:

- · Role of energy in India's inclusive growth
- Geopolitics, energy & consumers
- Energy transitions, technology and innovation
- India's energy security and sovereignty
- Strategies for decarbonising India's energy sector
- Digital transformation in the ENR sector
- Energy and natural resources in new age mobility
- Forging new partnerships for new energy.

Like previous editions, ENRich 2018 is set to have interactive discussions with CXOs, policy makers, regulators, government utilities, private players, investors and sector experts.

We look forward to your presence at ENRich 2018.

Highlights from last year's ENRich conclave are available

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Geopolitics, energy & consumers

Role of energy in India's inclusive growth agenda

Towards energy and resources security and sovereignty

Decarbonising energy for sustainability

De-stressing the Indian Power Sector



ENR: Digital and analytics revolution in the making

Energy and natural resources in new age mobility

New partnerships for new energy

Featured speakers



Breakout 2: De-stressing the Indian power sector



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Expert in power and infrastructure sector, with expertise across business development, mergers and acquisitions, etc.



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Session context

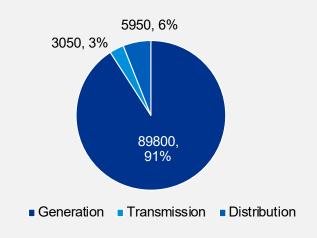
Investment decisions which were straightforward even a decade back, such as setting up a power plant to cater to growth in demand (largely under regulated tariffs) no longer remain so. Regulatory structures and contractual arrangements are weakening and policy shifts are increasingly putting returns at risk.

Over the past three years twelve largest Indian infrastructure companies with an asset base of approximately 800 k crores (c. 125 billion USD) have made negligible or negative profits. In no year since FY 13 did their aggregate equity returns cross 0.3 per cent.

The reasons for this predicament are many. Bidders for their aggressive bids and their search for EPC margins over sustainable business returns, governments for rigid and one sided contracts, regulators for their intransigence and sloth, slow justice and our proverbial red tape. Irrespective of whom and what we hold responsible, there are no winners in this. If large capital bases do not provide reasonable yields for such lengths of time (and the end is indeed not in sight), it will clog the economy and no amount of government spend can compensate.

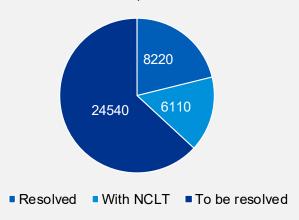
We need strong governance for public infrastructure projects, but we also need to let loose the entrepreneurial instincts and encourage capital formation. As a first step we need to address this legacy challenge comprehensively and move forward. Over the years a number of schemes and frameworks including through RBI (S4A, SDR, CDR JLF etc.) and the legal processes (NCLT, IBC) have emerged, often with limited success. Are we finally looking at a resolution now? What would be a 'fair' but achievable framework? What would be the roles and the responsibilities of the key actors? What would be the roles of partnerships? The session at ENRich 2018 will discuss these issues to contribute to the evolving debate and assess the options for sustainable resolution.

Composition of stressed assets (including restructured advances) as on Jun'17 INR Crore



Source: 37th Standing Committee Report on Energy, March'18

Status of resolution of 34 stressed Generation Assets, in MW



Source: 40h Standing Committee Report on Energy, August'18



Indicative issues for discussion

What are the top three factors for the severe stress in the sector and how could we have avoided them?
Among the resolution frameworks that have evolved over the past three years which is the most viable and 'fair'?
With the large haircuts that look inevitable for the Banks and Fis would there not be a huge demand on taxpayer money for recapitalisation?
In the quest for resolution have the actors assumed fair energy prices or are they unrealistically low?
Fuel is a big source of concern. How can that challenge be mitigated or dealt with equitably?
Would the recommendations of the High Level Committee of the Gol have a significant bearing on resolution if implemented in letter and spirit?
At the point that we stand what are the biggest risks now to the resolution process?
What are the few biggest takeaways from the experience of the past few years when we look at the sector ahead?
What would be the role of partnerships in resolving the issues, and in moving the sector ahead to attract new investments?





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