



Bihar: First to Have Prepaid Meters in all Households

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On October 11, 2021, approval was given to the **proposal of the Energy Department to install prepaid meters in all the houses of the state.**

Key Points

- The project, **costing Rs. 1110 crore** has to be completed in the next 42 months.
- Once the project is completed, **Bihar will become the first state in the country to have prepaid meters in all households.**
- The installation of prepaid meters will be done by **Power Finance Corporation Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation and Energy Efficiency Services Limited** along with **South Bihar and North Bihar Power Distribution Company.**
- **No additional amount will be charged** from any consumer for installing Smart Prepaid Meters. The **power companies will bear the cost.**
- On installing smart prepaid meters, **consumers will be given a three percent discount in electricity bill.**