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The Reality Check – More Than Just a Lightbulb



- The Government's Goal: Bringing electricity to every village.
- The Village Reality: A broken machine helps no one.

True success is not just about getting solar panels, it is about keeping them running for 10-15 years.

Why do machines stop? Lack of spare parts, no local mechanics, and no funds for big repairs.

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Power for Income – From Light to Livelihood

Electricity must put money in our pockets, not just light up our rooms.

Productive Power: Using mini-grids to run small businesses, shops, and mills.

Better Farming: Using Solar Lift Irrigation to grow crops year-round.

When the system helps us earn a steady income, the village can easily afford small monthly maintenance fees.



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The Power of "We" – Our Village, Our System



Working together as a collective allows us to:

- Collect fair and regular tariffs from all users.
- Share water equally, even with farmers at the far end of the field.
- Solve local disputes quickly and peacefully.

Strong community groups, especially Women's Self-Help Groups, are the secret to systems that never fail.

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Bridging the Gap – What We Need Today

The village committee cannot fix big problems alone; we need reliable support.

Questions for Today's Discussion:

- Where do we get emergency funds when a major part breaks?
- How can our local youth be trained as mechanics so we don't have to wait weeks for repairs?
- What happens to our village mini-grid when the main government electric grid arrives?

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Thank You!

Let’s work together to build a District Action Plan that actually works for us!

