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**BUDGET INSIGHT OUT 2025-26**

**CHARTING A NEW GROWTH PATH**

## A PwC report

### POWER INFRA

#### Key challenges

- Limited manufacturing and communication infrastructure capacity leading to sluggish roll outs as against the need for installing 250 million smart meters by December 2025
- Keeping the private investors enthused remains a challenge due to implementation hurdles impacting the project timelines
- Scope for betterment of project governance structure to ensure quality delivery and adherence to the timelines
- Need for upskilling the power sector workforce to work with cutting-edge technology interventions

#### Industry ask

- PLIs for smart meter manufacturing and related communication infrastructure in India for the next 3-5 years
- Encourage research and development in smart grid solutions with an objective to increase indigenised participation
- Simplify regulatory frameworks to accelerate deployment of smart grid technologies and improve business conditions.
- Revisiting the fund allocation and institutional structure for state level capacity building and consumer engagement to support grid modernization activities

#### Snapshot

##### TAKING STOCK

Advanced metering infra track

■ Number of smart meters (mn)

Sanctioned	Awarded	Installed
250.00	118.69	9.00

Project cost (₹ trn)

Sanctioned	Awarded
1.3	1.2

“THE BUDGET PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT SOME OF THE KEY MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES IN TERMS OF COMMITTED BUDGETARY OUTLAY, FISCAL INCENTIVES, MEASURES TO ATTRACT PRIVATE INVESTORS ETC”

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