



Students' Senate (2017-18)

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur



Agenda

To discuss the idea of having electricity meters
in all hostel rooms

The Chairman along with Convener and Hall-8 President had a meeting with Deputy Director to discuss matters pertaining to electricity issues. The Council had decided in its 1st Meeting to have a meeting to discuss the following issues –

1. Implementation of Solar Plan
2. Assessing of certain documents for Electricity Issues
3. To discuss the possibility of having a Semester-Wise Electricity Billing
4. To discuss the possibility of having individual meters in all hostel rooms

In the fourth point of discussion, the Deputy Director clarified the following points to the members –

1. Technically, it would be possible to have individual meters
2. The policy cannot be made for one particular hall, but has to be made uniformly for all halls, considering various practical issues
3. Installing and maintaining meters would bear a significant cost that would have to be recovered for students themselves
4. The cost of recovery would come around **Rs.200 per month per student** as per the current estimates
5. If students agree to this, then the institute may move forward with the plan
6. There are other practical issues related to maintaining the meter readings for all rooms in halls every month. Though we may deliberate upon them if once we agree in principle to having individual meters
7. It was also requested that we also think about having non-metered solutions to resolve this issue

Following points were discussed in the meeting, in favour of having individual meters -

1. It can prevent members of hostel to keep using coolers/heaters for long
2. It can help re-distribute the electricity billing in a fair manner
3. In the current model it becomes difficult to identify individuals who are using these devices for long, and thus allows a minority faction to affect the billing all those who are using heavy duty appliances



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The Senate is requested to deliberate upon the pros and cons of both the model and decide whether we want to go forward with the individual meter's model increasing the average charges per student per month by Rs. 200