

The Practice and Politics of Regulation

Regulatory Governance in
Indian Electricity

Independent regulators are a nascent institution in India. This volume examines how Indian electricity regulators in three states - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Delhi - function in practice. The goal is to contribute to debates on the role of regulators in electricity reform and on the institution of regulation in India. Drawing on extensive interviews with regulators, government and stakeholders, the authors explore the regulatory decision-making process. They develop insights into the influence of politics, public participation, and the reform context on outcomes, and the implications of each for future evolution of regulatory institutions in India. This book will be useful to policy-makers in utility sectors, electricity experts, regulators from a range of sectors and academics and NGOs interested in delivery of public services.

Salient features

- Opens the black box of Indian electricity regulation
- Presents detailed analysis of how key regulatory decisions are made
- Examines how regulators deal with and manage political pressures
- Analyses public involvement in the regulatory process
- Offers detailed recommendations on improving regulatory procedures and performance in the electricity sector

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