1. How does the electricity (amendment) bill 2021 promise to unlock the next round of reform the sector needs? analyse.

The amendments proposed by government to Electricity act 2003 is a game changer by unleashing legal and regulatory reform. The Electricity (amendment) bill 2021 is considered as panacea of power sector. The bill aims at enhancing 4 C's → Competition, climate, complaince and customer.

Need for amendment :-

→ AT&C losses :- AT&C losses in 2021 has accounted to 24.54%.

→ Dues of discoms to generation companies nearly ₹ 70,000 crore have created stress across value chain.

→ poor governance.

→ inefficient Discoms.

Key features of amendment :-

→ De-license distribution :- By adopting franchisee model to attract private firms to enter and increase competitiveness. Which will inturn reduce prices, reduce losses and improved efficiency.

→ Direct benefit transfers of subsidy

→ Government proposed to reduced progressively the cross-subsidy surcharges thereby encouraging investors.

→ Expansion of Appallete tribunal (APTEL) for speeding the resolution of cases and government proposed ~~of~~ for ~~creating~~ adding experienced member in law for SERC's for quick resolutions.

→ Proposed ~~of~~ to create Electricity contract enforcement authority (ECEA) with powers of civil law for more transparency.

→ Adoption of National renewable energy policy to enhance clean power.

These changes will bring viability, transparency to the existing sector. Attracting the domestic investors to enter into the competition which will aid to the "ATMANIRBAR BHARAT", less losses, affordable and more cleaner energy.