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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects" – Clarification regarding Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) for Solar Parks

This is in reference to this Ministry's Guidelines for the Development of Solar Parks issued on Feb, 2016 and in continuation to the Scheme for "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects" dated 21.03.2017. Clarifications were earlier sought by some SPPDs on the above subject and the same issue was also raised by CAG Audit. In this regard, it is to clarify that:

- i. The Guidelines issued in Feb 2016 are advisory in nature and may be applicable only for the parks sanctioned under Ph-I (i.e. before 21-03-2017).
- ii. LADF is separate from that of the Solar Park Development Fund.
- iii. LADF may be formed from contributions from SPDs and to be maintained by SPPDs.
- iv. No separate fund maintained in MNRE for R&R works as 'Solar Park Development Fund'. SPPDs have to manage the activities related with R&R from their own funds.
- v. Rehabilitation & Resettlement of disputed persons may be done in accordance with the law of the land and as per the respective State's policy.
- 2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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