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## नवीन और नवीक्रणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

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Block No. 14, C.G.O. Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

To

Pay and Accounts Officer, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, New Delhi

Subject: Guidelines for Implementation of Scheme for Setting up of 40 MW Distributed Grid-Connected Solar PV Power Projects in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands with Capital Subsidy from MNRE – Amendment in the Administrative Approval reg.

Sir/ Madam,

- 1. I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Administrative Approval no. 1/2/2015/PMC-Island-Part File dated 05.04.216, regarding the subject Scheme, and subsequent Corrigendum of even no. dated 21.05.2018, and to state that as per approval by the Standing Finance Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, MNRE in SFC meeting dated 26.10.2018, following modifications/ additions are being made in the subject Scheme:
  - 1.1 Extension of the duration of the existing "Scheme for setting up of 40 MW Distributed Grid-Connected Solar PV Power Projects in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands with Capital Subsidy from MNRE", from [2016-17 to 2018-19] to [2016-17 to 2019-20]. In order to allow completion of projects envisaged, the scheme period is extended till 31.03.2020;
  - 1.2 Increasing the capacity targeted under the Scheme from 40 MW to 52 MW or more within limit of Central Financial Assistance as sanctioned in existing scheme.
  - 1.3 The scope of the existing Scheme to support setting up of standalone Solar PV Power Project, standalone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Solar PV plant with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Transmission System for Solar PV Power Plant and Floating Solar PV power plants (with or without Battery Energy Storage System) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands.
  - 1.4 Insertion of the provision in the existing Scheme, that "To ensure smooth and timely implementation of scheme, MNRE will be authorized to make amendments, if required, in the scheme modalities, with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE), without increasing/exceeding the total financial requirements as approved by the SFC.
  - 1.5 The scheme allows coverage to land development, internal and external evacuation, and transmission lines under the scheme. However, in case of projects proposed by NTPC, since long transmission line may be required for evacuation of RE power, transmission line that is to be supported under the scheme is being specified, which is 19 km from Chidiyatapu solar project to Garcharma Substation and 27 km from Manglutan solar project to Garcharma Substation and it should be within the financial limit of transmission system cost of Rs. 48 Crs. and corresponding CFA@40% of cost = Rs. 19.2 Crs.
- 2. The other terms and conditions, guidelines and provisions, as mentioned in the Administrative Approval letter no. 1/2/2015/PMC-Island-Part File dated 05.04.216 and subsequent Corrigendum of even no. dated 21.05.2018, would remain unchanged.

3. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Power & NRE).

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- 3. The Principal Director of Audit, (Science Department), AGCR Building, I. P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.

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