



Policy & Regulatory Updates



Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

1. Operational Guidelines for Implementation of Component "Model Solar Village" under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana	9th August 2024
<p>MNRE has issued Operational Guidelines for Implementation of Component "Model Solar Village" under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. This component aims to create one Model Solar Village in each District of the country.</p> <p>An amount of ₹ 800 crore has been allocated for this component with a provision of central financial assistance of ₹ 1 crore per model village.</p> <p>The village must be a revenue village with population size of more than 5,000 as per the latest published Census. However, in case of special category States (States/UTs of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Ladakh, States in the North East including Sikkim, UTs of A&N and Lakshadweep), revenue villages with population size of more than 2,000 as per the latest census would be eligible.</p> <p>The Scheme shall be implemented by an Agency which shall be the State Renewable Energy Development Agency of the concerned state or in its absence, any other entity nominated by the State/UT Government.</p>	
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2. Continuation of issuance of Concessional Custom Duty Certificates (CCDCs) for setting up projects for generation of Compressed bio-gas (BioCNG) using non-conventional materials - Reg.	09th August 2024
<p>MNRE has issued OM relating to continuation of issuance of Concessional Custom Duty Certificate (CCDC) for the goods that are required for initial setting up of a project for the generation of Compressed bio-gas (BioCNG) using non-conventional materials, namely, agricultural, forestry, agro-industrial, industrial, municipal and urban waste, bio waste or poultry litter.</p> <p>The Project Developer/Promoter desirous of availing the concession shall submit their application with their full details including list of items certified by the project developer and Chartered Engineer as per the format enclosed with the OM. The application completed in all respects shall be routed through the concerned State Nodal Agency (SNA) and submitted to Director (Waste to Energy Division), MNRE.</p> <p>The Ministry will issue the certificate recommending the grant of Customs Duty Concessions after scrutiny, examination and acceptance of the application and the certificates shall be issued by an authorized officer of this Ministry not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/08/20240814544997870.pdf</p>	

3. Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019 : Amendment – reg.	07th August 2024
<p>MNRE has amended the Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019. In this amendment sub-para 1.2.2 of Para 1.2 of the MNRE OM dated 10.05.2023 is modified and two new clauses 1.7 & 1.8 are added.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/08/20240807967754228.pdf</p>	

4. Allowing vendors of the adjacent States to work with the Union Territories (UTS) for Rooftop Solar installation under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana- regarding.	13th August 2024
<p>MNRE has issued OM for allowing vendors of the adjacent States to work with the Union Territories (UTS) for Rooftop Solar installation under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana after it has been observed that limited vendors are available in the UTS to install the RTS plants.</p> <p>It has been decided that the vendors registered/empaneled with the adjacent States can also undertake the work of installation of the RTS plants in UTs under the Scheme without any requirement of additional bank guarantee.</p> <p>Complaints against such vendors shall be handled by National Programme Implementing Agency (NPIA) which shall in turn instruct invoking of bank guarantee collected by the State/Discom concerned etc.</p> <p>It is also reiterated that the vendors registered with one DISCOM in a state shall also be allowed to work in other DISCOMS of the same state without any requirement of additional bank guarantee as per provisions of OM No. 318/6/2022-GCRT dated 17.05.2023. States may appoint a nodal DISCOM or any other nodal agency for registering the vendors for entire State.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/08/20240814131825892.pdf</p>	
5. Clarification to the “Guidelines for Development of Onshore Wind Power Projects” and amendments thereof -reg.	23rd August 2024
<p>MNRE has issued OM dated 04.07.2024 related to the amendment of the “Guidelines for Development of Onshore Wind Power Projects” dated 22nd October 2016. In this OM, it is clarified that the said amendment is applicable for future wind power projects, which are to be registered by SNAs after date of its notification (i.e. 04.07.2024) or the date notified by the State Governments through GO/ Policy/ Guidelines on the matter, whichever is later, to provide smooth transition and to ensure continuity of the ongoing project development.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/08/202408231906493064.pdf</p>	

6. Constitution of Task Force to harness Geothermal Energy in India.	29th August 2024
<p>MNRE has issued OM related to formation of a task force under the Chairmanship of Dr. A.K Tripathi, Advisor MNRE to harness Geothermal Energy in India. The Task Force will review the draft of “Indian Geothermal Energy Development Framework”, the Global status of various available technologies & applications and will provide guidance for further course of actions for harnessing Geothermal Energy in the Country. The Task Force may also co-opt and consult the industry and other experts/stakeholders as and when required.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/08/202408301817693773.pdf</p>	

7. Technical Committee for Solar Powered Cold Storage	29th August 2024
<p>MNRE has issued OM regarding formation of technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. A.K Tripathi, Advisor MNRE to review the draft specifications of Solar Cold Storage prepared, along with the comments of the stakeholders received and to finalize the specifications and guideline for the Solar Cold Storage.</p>	
<p>The Technical committee has following Terms of Reference :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Review the draft Specifications of Solar Cold Storage prepared; (ii) consider the comments of the stakeholders received; (iii) finalize the specifications; (iv) prepare guidelines for the Solar Cold Storage which will be notified by MNRE; (v) finalize the testing protocols prepared by NISE. 	
<p>The Committee will complete the job and submit report/recommendations and the Committee may also consult the industry and other experts/stakeholders as and when required.</p>	
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II. Ministry of Power (MoP)

1. Amendment in the Guidelines for Import Export (Cross Border) of Electricity, 2018- reg.	12th August 2024
<p>The Ministry of power has amended the clause 5.2(a) and clause 8.9 of the “Guidelines for Import/Export (Cross Border) of Electricity-2018” (IECBE Guidelines-2018).</p>	
<p>Download link: https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Amendment_in_the_Guideline_for_Import_Export_of_Electricity_2018.pdf</p>	

2. Draft Tariff based competitive bidding guidelines for procurement of storage capacity/stored energy from Pumped Storage Plants - Regarding.	22nd August 2024
<p>Ministry of Power has issued draft Tariff based competitive bidding guidelines for procurement of storage capacity/stored energy from Pumped Storage Plants. It is requested to concerned to provide comments, if any, to this Ministry within 15 days from the date of issue of this letter. The comments may also be emailed at nre.section-mop@gov.in.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Draft_TBCB_PSP_Guidelines.pdf</p>	

III. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024.	05th August 2024
<p>Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024.</p> <p>The regulations shall come into force with effect from 16.09.2024 and the regulations seek to ensure, through a commercial mechanism, that grid users do not deviate from and adhere to their schedule of drawal and injection of electricity in the interest of security and stability of the grid.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://www.cercind.gov.in/regulations/192-GAZ.pdf</p>	

IV. Central Electricity Authority

1. Amendment-II to the Procedure for approval and facilitating Import/Export (Cross Border) of Electricity by the Designated Authority.	14th August 2024
<p>CEA was earlier issued the “Procedure for Approval and Facilitating Import/Export (Cross Border) of Electricity by the Designated Authority” on 26.02.2021 under the Guidelines for Import/Export (Cross Border) of Electricity-2018. Further, Amendment-I to the Procedure was issued on 31.07.2023.</p> <p>Ministry of Power vide OM dated 12.08.2024 amended clause 5.2(a) and clause 8.9 of the Import/Export (Cross Border) of Electricity Guidelines-2018. Accordingly, Clause 7.3.3 the Procedure for Approval and Facilitating Import/Export (Cross Border) of Electricity by the Designated Authority stands modified.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cea.nic.in/whats-new/?lang=en</p>	



Issued by State Governments & their organizations:

I. Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Fifth amendment to Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' Standards of Performance) Regulations, 2004	28th August 2024
Download link: https://aperc.gov.in/admin/upload/Gazette.pdf	

II. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. KERC (Implementation of Peer to Peer Solar Energy Transaction), Regulation, 2024.	06th August 2024
Download link: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1724310950.pdf	

III. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Madhya Pradesh Balancing and Settlement Code 2023 (First Amendment)	02nd August 2024
Download link: https://mperc.in/uploads/regulation_document/ARG-34-II-i-2024-02-08-2024-English.pdf	
2. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination of energy from Renewable Energy Sources) (Revision- I) Regulations, 2024	02nd August 2024
Download link: https://mperc.in/uploads/regulation_document/G-43-I-2024-02-08-2024-English.pdf	
