

F. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(2)

भारत सरकार / Government of India

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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Dated: 14th October, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019: Clarification

With reference to the Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019 and subsequent amendments & clarification thereto and Guidelines for enlistment under the said Order, the undersigned is directed to convey that MNRE vide its O.M. no. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(5) dated 07.10.2022 (copy enclosed) had inter-alia clarified that:

"The amendments of even no. dated 13.01.2022 and 28.03.2022, shall not be applicable for open access and net-metering renewable energy projects where the First Application, for grant of:

- *In-principle approval; or*
- *No Objection Certificate (NOC); or*
- *Government Order; or*
- *Any other such approvals as may be required for open access and net-metering of the renewable energy projects;*

as per the provisions of respective State/UT policy or as per the rules and regulations of respective Electricity Regulatory Commission, has been made before 01.10.2022, to any relevant entities viz. Distribution licensee(s)/ State Transmission Utility (STU)/ State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC)/ State Nodal Agency for Renewable Energy/ (Power/Energy/ Renewable Energy Department of the State/UT)."

2. In this regard, it is once again reiterated and clarified that ALMM Order shall not be applicable for open access and net-metering renewable energy projects where the First Application, for grant of:

- In-principle approval; or
- No Objection Certificate (NOC); or
- Government Order; or
- Any other such approvals as may be required for open access and net-metering of the renewable energy projects;

as per the provisions of respective Central / State / UT policy or as per the rules and regulations of respective Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC/ SERC/ JERC), has been made before 01.10.2022, to any relevant entities viz. Distribution licensee(s)/ State Transmission Utility (STU)/ Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL)/ State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC)/ National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC) / Regional Load Despatch Centre / Grid Controller of India Limited / State Nodal Agency for Renewable Energy/ (Power/Energy/ Renewable Energy Department of the State/UT).

3. This issue with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl: as above

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Dated: 7th October, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019: Clarification - reg.

Ref:

- i. MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR dated 2nd January, 2019 reg. Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019;
- ii. Amendment to Order at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(1) dated 2nd February, 2021;
- iii. Amendment to Order at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(2) dated 13th January, 2022;
- iv. Amendment to Order at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(2) dated 28th March, 2022;

MNRE decided to enlist the eligible models and manufacturers of solar PV Cells & Modules complying with BIS standards and publish the same under 'Approved List of Models and Manufacturers' (ALMM) of solar PV modules / cells and accordingly, issued an order "Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019" (ALMM Order) on 02.01.2019, referred at (i) above.

2. ALMM Order dated 02.01.2019 referred at (i) above, including amendment dated 02.02.2021 referred at (ii) above, inter-alia, provided as follows:

"Only the models and manufacturers included in this list will be eligible for use in Government / Government assisted Projects / Projects under Government Schemes & Programmes, installed in the country, including Projects set up for sale of electricity to Government under the Guidelines issued by Central Government under section 63 of Electricity Act, 2003 and amendment thereof. The word "Government" shall include Central Government, State Government, Central Public Sector Enterprises, State Public Sector Enterprises and, Central and State Organizations / Autonomous bodies."



3. Vide MNRE's O.M. dated 13.01.2022 referred at (iii) above, the ALMM Order was further amended to include "net-metering" and "open-access" projects and it was conveyed that the amendment (dated 13.01.2022) shall be applicable on RE projects which apply for open access or net-metering facility from 1st April, 2022. Subsequently, vide O.M. dated 28.03.2022 referred at (iv) above, the date was extended from 1st April, 2022 to 1st October, 2022.

4. Representations have been received in MNRE for further clarity on MNRE's O.M.s referred at (iii) and (iv) above. The matter has been examined. Since the procedures for grant of open access and net metering vary across states, it is clarified that:

(a). The amendment referred at (iii) read with amendment referred at (iv) above, **shall not be applicable for open access and net-metering renewable energy projects where the First Application**, for grant of:

- In-principle approval; or
- No Objection Certificate (NOC); or
- Government Order; or
- any other such approvals as may be required for open access and net-metering of the renewable energy projects

as per the provisions of respective State/ UT Policy or as per the rules and regulations of respective Electricity Regulatory Commission, has been made before 1st October 2022, to any of the relevant entities viz. Distribution licensee(s) / State Transmission Utility (STU)/ State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) / State Nodal Agency for Renewable Energy / (Power/ Energy / Renewable Energy Department of the State/ UT).

(b). It is further clarified that the amendment referred at (iii) read with amendment referred at (iv) above, shall not be applicable to behind-the meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers.

5. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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