



Policy & Regulatory Updates



Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

1. Call for Proposals for Setting up Centres of Excellence (CoEs) under Research and Development Scheme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)-Reg.	04th November 2024
<p>MNRE has invited proposals through OM dated 04th November 2024 for establishment of Centre of Excellence (CoE) under R&D Scheme from the eligible entities. The guidelines for submission of proposals indicating objectives, financing, application form etc. are uploaded on the website.</p> <p>The proposals may be submitted online on the portal https://research.mnre.gov.in. For any further details, Mr. Sujit Pillai, Scientist-F, MNRE (email: sujit.pillai@gov.in) may be contacted.</p> <p>The last date of submission of applications is December 19, 2024.</p> <p>₹ 400 crores have been allocated for Research and Development (R&D) activities.</p> <p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/11/202411051366460391.pdf</p>	
2. Scheme Guidelines for implementation of Pilot projects for production and use of Green Hydrogen using innovative methods/pathways in the Residential, Commercial, Localized Community, Decentralized/Non-Conventional, applications, includes any new sector or technology not covered in previous Mission schemes	08th November 2024

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Objectives of the Scheme

- (i) To support innovative models/technologies/pathways for production of Green Hydrogen including inter alia floating solar based Green Hydrogen production, biomass based Green Hydrogen production and production of Green Hydrogen from waste water.
- (ii) To support the utilisation of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives as fuel for decentralized applications in cooking, heating, off-grid electricity generation, off road vehicles, on a pilot basis.
- (iii) To validate the technical feasibility and performance of Green Hydrogen as a fuel for household / residential and commercial appliances including, city gas, and local community applications.
- (iv) To demonstrate safe and secure use of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives in other new sectors.

Budgetary Outlay: ₹200 Cr till FY 2025-26.

The Scheme Implementing Agency(SIA) will identify the project/proposals suitable for new development/retrofitting, considering factors like innovation, financial support sought as a factor of total project cost, scope for future scaling up and commercial deployment and quantum of Green Hydrogen production. The SIA will issue Call for Proposals for the projects. The proposal shall be submitted directly to the SIA. In case of a consortium/partnership-based proposal, a lead agency should be mentioned, which shall function as EA for that project.

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3. Mandatory filling of past data (01.01.2024 onwards) on DCR Verification portal and non-acceptance of solar modules not verifiable through DCR portal, in MNRE's Scheme mandating Domestic Content Requirement (DCR).

11th November 2024

MNRE has issued an OM regarding mandatory filling of past data (01.01.2024 onwards) on Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) Verification portal and non-acceptance of solar modules not verifiable through DCR portal, in MNRE's Scheme mandating Domestic Content Requirement.

Provisions of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) are provided in MNRE's Schemes, namely, CPSU Scheme Phase-II, PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and PM-KUSUM,

Therefore, all concerned stakeholders to mandatorily fill all past data (from 1st January 2024 onwards) in respect of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) compliant solar PV modules on the DCR Verification portal operated by National Institute of Solar Energy, at the link: <https://solardcrportal.nise.res.in>.

Any solar PV module, whose DCR credentials cannot be verified through the aforesaid DCR verification portal, shall not be accepted under MNRE's CPSU Scheme Phase-II, PM SurYaghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and PM-KUSUM from 1st December 2024 onwards.

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4. Clarification in Guidelines for Implementation of PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) for the component "CFA to Residential Consumers".

19th November 2024

MNRE has issued OM regarding clarification in Guidelines for Implementation of PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) for the component "CFA to Residential Consumers".

The clause 5 (f) of the guidelines states that "The GHS/RWA connection eligible under the scheme shall be dedicated only for common facilities and should not be utilized for providing electricity supply to residential consumers within the GHS/RWA. The CFA support will generally be provided to entities created by residents for overall maintenance and that are responsible for upkeep of common facilities and these may be known by alternative terminologies such as Apartment Owner Associations (AOAS), Cooperative Housing Societies etc."

Representations have been received regarding the subsidy disbursement for rooftop installations on residential projects, where common areas are being serviced directly by real estate promoters/developers in absence of any constituted RWA/GHS.

It is clarified that CFA support under the Group Housing/RWA segment can be provided to such developers/promoters directly, subject to the submission of an undertaking that the rooftop solar asset supported under PMSG: MBY will be handed over to the GHS/RWA/AOAs/ Cooperative Housing Society or any other collective created by residents for overall maintenance, whenever such a collective is created.

The developers/promoters have to also submit an undertaking stating that the benefits from the rooftop solar subsidy will be passed on to the residents through reduced charges/tariffs for common facilities. REC may also establish additional documentary requirements to satisfy the guidelines of the scheme and authenticate the subsidy claimant.

The necessary changes in national portal may be made to incorporate this process flow.

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II. Ministry of Power (MoP)

<p>1. Workforce Adequacy Guidelines for Load Despatch Centres and Guidelines for deputation of Workforce from SLDCs to Grid-India for fixed terms-reg.</p>	<p>08th November 2024</p>
<p>The Ministry of power has issued workforce Adequacy Guidelines for Load Despatch Centres and Guidelines for deputation of Workforce from SLDCs to Grid-India for fixed terms.</p> <p>The Workforce Adequacy Guidelines will serve as a benchmark for enhancing the operational capacity of the Load Despatch Centres by ensuring they are equipped with sufficient skilled human resources. The Guidelines for Deputation of Workforce from State Load Despatch Centres (SLDCs) to Grid-India focus on fostering collaboration and knowledge- sharing among various LDCs. These guidelines facilitate the exchange of personnel, thereby promoting functional cohesion and building a robust talent pool of Power System Operators.</p> <p>By adhering to these guidelines, LDCs can enhance their operational capacity, ensure efficient management of the grid and ultimately contribute to the stability and reliability of the electricity supply across the nation. Compliance with these guidelines is essential for achieving the goal of a well-equipped and skilled workforce in the power sector.</p>	
<p>Download link:</p> <p>https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Workforce_Adequacy_Guidelines_for_Load_Despatch_Centres_and_Guidelines_for_deputation_of_Workforce_from_SLDCs_to_Grid_India_for_fixed_terms.pdf</p>	



Issued by State Governments & their organizations:

I. Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Demand Side Management) Regulation, 2024	27 th November 2024
Download link: https://aperc.gov.in/admin/upload/gazetteregulation7of2024.pdf	

II. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fee) Regulations, 2024.	26 th November 2024
Download link: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1732689117.pdf	

III. Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Distribution Tariff) Regulations, 2024.	01 st November 2024
Download link: https://berc.co.in/rules-regulations/regulations/individual-regulation/2881-bihar-electricity-regulatory-commission-multi-year-distribution-tariff-regulations-2024	

IV. Jharkhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fees, Fines & Charges) Regulations, 2024	26 th November 2024
Download link: https://www.jserc.org/pdf/regulations/757_2_2024.pdf	
2. Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024	26 th November 2024
Download link: http://www.jserc.org/pdf/regulations/756_2_2024.pdf	

V. Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulations, 2024.	11 th November 2024
<i>Download link:</i> https://herc.gov.in/WriteReadData/Pdf/R20242511.pdf	

VI. Meghalaya Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation & its Compliance) (3 rd Amendment) Regulations, 2018	26 th November 2024
<i>Download link:</i> https://www.mserc.gov.in/regulations/2024/MSERC_RenewableEnergy_Regulations_2018.pdf	
