



Policy & Regulatory Updates



Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

1. Updation of List -I (Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules) of ALMM Order		23 rd January 2025	
The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has updated List I of the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers for Solar PV modules (Revision no. XXXIV). Only such models of Solar PV Module Manufacturers are enlisted under ALMM, which comply with the BIS standards and are having the following minimum module efficiency:			
Category	Application/Use	Minimum Module Efficiency required for crystalline-Silicon technology based Solar PV modules	Minimum Module Efficiency required Cadmium Telluride Thin Film technology based Solar PV modules
Category I	Utility/Grid Scale Power Plants	20%	19%
Category II	Rooftop and Solar Pumping	19.50%	18.50%
Category III	Solar Lighting	19%	18.00%
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2. Notification for Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025		27 th January 2025	
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has notified the Solar Systems, Devices, and Components Goods Order, 2025, which revises and supersedes the existing Solar Photovoltaics, Systems, Devices, and Components Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2017. The revised order has been notified in the Gazette Notification dated 27.01.2025 under the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act, 2016 and will come into effect 180 days from the date of publication. This order covers Solar PV modules, Inverters to be used in Solar PV applications and Storage Battery.			

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<https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/01/202501282101643660.pdf>

3. Extension of Self Certification for SPV Inverters above 100 kW in MNRE Quality Control Order 2017	31st January 2025
<p>Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has issued a Gazette Notification dated 27th January 2025 regarding extension of self Certification for SPV Inverters above 100 kW considering the availability of test facilities for limited capacities and providing more time for compliance, the implementation of Quality Control Order (QCO), 2017 for SPV inverters of the capacity of more than 100 kW stands extended from 31.12.2024 to 31.12.2025 or till further orders, whichever is earlier, based on self-certification, subject to the condition that such manufacturers have valid IEC certificates corresponding to IS (IS 16221(Part 2):2015/IEC 62109-2:2011 for item No 4 and IS 16169:2014/IEC 62116:2008 for item No.5.</p>	
<p>Download link:</p> <p>https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/01/20250131617290814.pdf</p>	

II. Ministry of Power (MoP)

1. Guidelines for Installation and Operation of Battery Swapping and Charging Stations	10th January 2025
<p>Ministry of Power has issued the Guidelines for Installation and Operation of Battery Swapping and Charging Stations to promote swapping of batteries as an alternate method of powering EVs, battery as a service and to develop a battery swapping ecosystem.</p>	
<p>Download link:</p> <p>https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Battery_Swapping_Guidelines_0.PDF</p>	

III. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025.	7th January 2025
<p>CERC has issued first amendment to the Conduct of Business Regulations, 2023.</p>	
<p><i>Download link:</i> https://www.cercind.gov.in/regulations/196.pdf</p>	

IV. Central Electricity Authority

1. Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) from renowned Institutions of National Importance (INI) for evaluation of DPRs of off Stream PSPs for CEA	03rd January 2025
<p>CEA has issued request for Expression of Interest (EOI) from renowned Institutions of National Importance (INI) for evaluation of DPRs of off-stream PSPs for CEA. The term of empanelment shall ordinarily be for an initial period of 2 years, which is extendable based on performance of the Institute. The consultant will be paid consolidated fee for the whole work, Project wise. Institutes of National Importance may participate, however, in exceptional circumstances, Institutes with adequate quality manpower may be also participate.</p>	
<p><i>Download link:</i> https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/01/Expression_of_Interest_EOI.pdf</p>	

2. Background Note on alternative mechanism for implementation of Fuel and Power Purchase Adjustment Surcharge (FPPAS) under Rule14 (Timely recovery of power purchase cost by distribution licensee) of the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2022	03rd January 2025
<p>CEA has issued Background Note on an alternative mechanism for implementing Fuel and Power Purchase Adjustment Surcharge (FPPAS) charges under the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2022 for stakeholder comments.</p>	
<p><i>Download link:</i> https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/01/Public_Note_FPPAS-1.pdf</p>	

3. Central Electricity Authority (Manual on Transmission Planning Criteria), 2025 including Amendment -I	08th January 2025
<p>The Central Electricity Authority has issued Amendments to Manual on Transmission Planning Criteria, 2023 to cover the planning procedure. A new chapter (Chapter-7) has been added to the Manual. Further, parameters of certain conductors have been updated.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/psp_a_ii/2025/01/Manual_on_Transmission_Planning_Criteria_with_Amendment_I_2025.pdf</p>	

4. Guidelines for Standardization and Interoperability in AMI Systems for End to End Communication Between Smart Meter, HES and MDM	16th January 2025
<p>CEA has issued Guidelines for Standardization and Interoperability in AMI Systems for end-to-end Communication Between Smart Meter, HES and MDM. The guidelines will enhance interoperability in Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) systems in India, focusing on standardizing communication between various components of smart metering systems. The guidelines address interoperability at various levels, from the meter to the Head-End System (HES) and ultimately to the Meter Data Management System (MDMS).</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/01/AMI_Interoperability_Report_Final.pdf</p>	

5. Guidelines for Benchmarking of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Norms for Distribution Utilities	30th January 2025
<p>CEA has issued guidelines to benchmark operation and maintenance (O&M) practices for electricity distribution utilities. These guidelines aim to enhance efficiency, reliability, and cost optimization in power distribution. Benchmarking helps measure performance, compare best practices, and identify areas for improvement.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/01/OM_Benchmarking_for_Discoms_CEA_Guidelines.pdf</p>	



Issued by State Governments & their organizations:

I. Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Draft AERC (Grant of Connectivity To The Intra State Transmission System) Regulations, 2025	24th January 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://aerc.gov.in/regulations/1737714805.pdf	

II. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. KERC (Implementation of rooftop aero turbine with solar or without solar) Regulations, 2025	20th January 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1737437163.pdf	

III. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. MPERC (Power Quality) Regulations, 2025	09th January 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://mperc.in/uploads/regulation_document/MPERC_Power_Quality_Regulations_RG_49_2025_English.pdf	

IV. Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Tamil Nadu State Power Committee Operating Procedures and Business Rules, 2025 formed under the TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024 and the TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2019	21st January 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://www.tnerc.tn.gov.in/Regulation/files/RegProc-240120252328Eng.pdf	

V. Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Draft Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff for Distribution) Regulations, 2025	16th January 2025
<p><i>Download link:</i> https://www.uperc.org/App_File/DraftMYTRegulations_Conspectus-pdf116202561833PM.pdf</p>	

VI. West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025	06th January 2025
<p><i>Download link:</i> https://wberc.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notification%2080_0.pdf</p>	
