



Policy & Regulatory Updates



Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

1. Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) norms for Solar PV Cells - Reg.	11 th March 2025
<p>MNRE has issued Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) norms for Solar PV Cells for the schemes/Programmes being implemented by the Ministry.</p> <p>A solar PV cell (based on crystalline-silicon technology) shall be considered to be domestically manufactured only if the same has been manufactured in India, using un-diffused silicon wafer (generally called “Black Wafer”), classifiable under Customs Tariff Head 3818 and all steps/processes required for manufacturing solar PV cell from the un-diffused silicon wafer have been carried out in India.</p> <p>If diffused silicon wafer is imported and the same is used as raw material for the manufacturing of solar PV cells in India, such solar PV cells shall not qualify as domestically manufactured solar PV cells, for the purpose of MNRE's Schemes/Programmes mandating use of domestically manufactured solar PV cells.</p> <p>As already stated by MNRE, vide its OM dated 9th May, 2024, it is reiterated that, thin Film Solar PV Modules manufactured in integrated factory located in India are eligible for deployment in projects under MNRE's Schemes/Programmes where the Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) provisions mandate deployment of domestically manufactured solar PV modules.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/03/20250311305301738.pdf</p>	

2. Updation of List I (Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules) of ALIMM Order, 2019 - Reg.	27th March 2025
<p>MNRE has issued the updated list-I (Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules) of ALMM Order, 2019 which was last updated on 17.02.2025. The details of provisional enlistments granted by MNRE in ALMM List-I are at pages after Annexure-I.</p> <p>The ALMM enlistment validity is subject to valid BIS Registration; else deemed to be delisted.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/03/20250328361984955.pdf</p>	

II. Ministry of Power (MoP)

1. Supplementary Guidelines for payment of compensation in regard to Right of Way (RoW) for transmission lines.	21st March 2025
<p>Ministry of Power issued guidelines for determination of compensation for laying Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) lines under Sections 67 and 68 of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with Sections 10 and 16 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, in addition to the compensation for normal crop and tree damages. As per these guidelines, the compensation will be based on the Circle rates/Guideline value/Stamp Act rates of the land, except where the market rate exceeds the Circle rate/Guideline value/Stamp Act rates. In such cases, the land value shall be determined based on the prevailing market rate as ascertained by the District Magistrate/District Collector/Deputy Commissioner in the manner as may be specified by the State Government.</p> <p>However, many States are yet to specify the manner of determination of market rate, and landowners have raised concerns that compensation is still being proposed at unacceptable circle rates, which are significantly lower than market rates. The issue is more pronounced in urban and semi-urban areas, where the 30% compensation paid for RoW in rural areas have been reported to be inadequate.</p> <p>The Central Government has now issued the supplementary guidelines for assessing the market rate of land for the limited purpose of payment of RoW compensation for laying of ISTS lines. This supplementary guideline shall apply to Inter-State Transmission System lines only in cases where landowners have objected to the compensation because the Circle Rates are below the Market Rates. State Governments may adopt these guidelines in their entirety or issue their own modified guidelines.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Supplementaary_Guideline_for_payment_of_compensation_in_regard_to_Right_of_Way_RoW_for_transmission.pdf</p>	

2. Draft Amendment to the Gazette Notification on Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) notified on 20th Oct 2023 – Reg.	27th March 2025
<p>Ministry of Power has issued draft amendment to the Gazette Notification on Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) for comments within 3 weeks from the date of issuance of the letter i.e. by 18.04.2025. The comments in word file may be emailed at rcmdivision-mop@gov.in.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Seeking_comments_on_Draft Amendment to the Gazette Notification on RCO notified on 20th Oct 2023.pdf</p>	

3. Draft Amendment in Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter State Transmission Charges) Rules, 2021-Reg.	28th March 2025
<p>Ministry of Power has issued draft amendment in Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter State Transmission Charges) Rules, 2021 for comments within 30 days from the date of issuance of the letter i.e. by 26.04.2025. The comments in word file may be emailed at transdesk-mop@nic.in.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Draft Amendment in Electricity Transmission System Planning%2C.pdf</p>	

III. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Approval of “Detailed procedure for moderating schedule up to minimum turndown level for Section 62 generators through SCED” under Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2023.	12th March 2025
<p>CERC has approved the detailed procedure for moderating schedule up to minimum turndown level for Section 62 generators through SCED under Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2023. The approved detailed procedure is available on CERC website and shall be effective from 24th March 2025.</p>	
<p>Download link: https://www.cercind.gov.in/regulations/ProcedureL_1_265_2022_CERC_GRID_CODE.pdf</p>	

IV. Central Electricity Authority

1. Issuance of “Guidelines on Unified Philosophy for placement of Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) in Indian Grid” –reg.	19th March 2025
CEA has issued guidelines on Unified Philosophy for placement of Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) in Indian Grid to harmonize various requirements for PMU installation into single Guidelines.	
<p>Download link: https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/pse_td/2025/03/PMU_Committee_Report_and_MoM.pdf</p>	

2. Comprehensive guidelines for the usage and sharing of optical fibers of OPGW/UGFO cables for power system applications – reg.	03rd March 2025
CEA has formulated comprehensive guidelines for the usage and sharing of fiber cores of Optical Ground Wire (OPGW)/ Under Ground Fiber Optic (UGFO) Cable for power system applications. Optical Ground Wire (OPGW)/Underground Fiber Optic Cable (UGFO) plays a crucial role in ensuring seamless data exchange, real-time monitoring, and reliable operation of power systems. However, with increasing demands and multiple stakeholders involved in fiber usage, it became essential to establish a structured framework governing the sharing and utilization of fiber cores of OPGW/UGFO cable. CEA has requested to all utilities/TSPs, power system stakeholders, and users to adopt and adhere to these guidelines.	
<p>Download link: https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/03/Final_Guidelines_approved.pdf</p>	



Issued by State Governments & their organizations:

I. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025	28th March 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://gercin.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/GERC-Terms-and-Conditions-for-GEOA-Second-Amendment-Regulations-2025.pdf	

II. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2025	26th March 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1743049297.pdf	

II. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of expenses and other charges for providing electric line or plant used for the purpose of giving supply) (Revision-II) Regulations, 2022 (First amendment) {ARG-31(II)(i) of 2025}.	27th March 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://mperc.in/uploads/regulation_document/MP_Gazette_Notification_dated_28_MARCH_2025_First_Amd_RG_31_English_OCR.pdf	
2. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Supply Code 2021 (Fifth Amendment) [ARG-1(II)(v) of 2025].	27th March 2025
<i>Download link:</i> https://mperc.in/uploads/regulation_document/MP_Gazette_Notification_dated_28_MARCH_2025_Supply_Code_Fifth_Amendment_English_OCR.pdf	
