F. No. 283/106/2017-GRID SOLAR भारत सरकार / Government of India

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

Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi **Date:** 10th July 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM): Clarification - reg.

- 1. Government projects were covered ab-initio in ALMM (vide this Ministry OM dated 02.01.2019).
- 2. Net-Metering & Open Access projects were subsequently brought under ALMM through amendment to ALMM vide OM dated 13.01.2022 further amended vide OM dated 28.03.2022.
- **3.** Vide OM dated 07.10.2022, it was inter-alia clarified that the amendment issued vide O.M. dated 13.01.2022 read with O.M. dated 28.03.2022, shall not be applicable to behind-the-meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers.
- 4. On 09.12.2024, MNRE issued OM for implementation of ALMM for solar PV cells.
- 5. Following query was raised to MNRE:

Whether the exemption from ALMM (both for solar PV modules and solar PV cells) granted to behind-the-meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers, is applicable to behind-the-meter connections for captive consumption of government entities or public sector enterprises?

6. On 16.05.2025, MNRE has, inter-alia clarified that:

Since Government projects were covered under ALMM right from the beginning (through O.M. dated 02.01.2019) and subsequently Open Access and Net-Metering Projects were brought under the ambit of ALMM vide amendments dated 13.01.2022 and 28.03.2022, the clarification issued on 07.10.2022 (stating that the amendment issued vide O.M. dated 13.01.2022 read with O.M. dated 28.03.2022, shall not be applicable to behind-the-meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers) does not provide any exemption from ALMM to behind-the-meter connections for captive consumption of government entities or public sector enterprises.

- **7.** Now, MNRE has been further requested to clarify that compliance to ALMM list for solar cells is not required for behind the meter connections commissioned prior to 1st June 2026 being executed under RESCO / CAPEX mode for self-consumption.
- 8. The request at para 7 above has been examined in MNRE and it is hereby clarified that:

Behind-the-meter projects for captive consumption of Government entities or public sector enterprises, are:

- i. mandated to use ALMM enlisted solar PV modules but are exempt from using ALMM enlisted solar PV cells, if commissioned prior to 01.06.2026;
- ii. mandated to use both ALMM enlisted solar PV modules and ALMM enlisted solar PV cells, if commissioned on or after 01.06.2026;
- 9. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MNRE.

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