

### नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

### **Policy & Regulatory Updates**

**June** 2025



Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

#### I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

1. Updation of List 1 (Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules) of ALMM Order, 2019 - Reg.

05th June 2025

30th June 2025

MNRE has issued the revised updated List-I of Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules which was last updated on 21.05.2025. The list as Annexure-I is available on MNRE website.

Download link:

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/06/2025 06061315987137.pdf

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/06/2025 06301654063275.pdf

### 2. Revised Guidelines for installation of prototype wind turbine models-reg.

12th June 2025

MNRE has issued revised guidelines for installation of prototype wind turbine models in suppression of the existing guidelines to facilitate the installation of limited number of prototype wind turbines to promote testing and certification process of wind turbine in the country.

These guidelines are applicable for all the wind turbine manufacturers in India, who wish to install prototype wind turbine model in the country and synchronize with the Indian grid system.

The installation of a prototype wind turbine model will be allowed only to carry out type testing for obtaining type certificate from Internationally Accredited Certifying Agencies.

The guidelines will be implemented by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE).

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# 3. "Call for Proposals" on Innovation Challenge for Circularity in Renewable Energy Technologies - Batteries and Solar Photovoltaic - reg.

16th June 2025

MNRE has issued "Call for Proposals" on Innovation Challenge for Circularity in Renewable Energy Technologies - Batteries and Solar Photovoltaic under the Scheme RE-RTD Scheme. The scheme aims at scaling up the R&D effort for promoting indigenous technology development for wide spread deployment of new and renewable energy in an efficient and cost-effective manner across the country.

The proposal aims to promote innovation in recycling and reuse, minimize waste, enhance sustainability and resource efficiency, foster new technologies, strengthen the supply chain, and align with global climate goals while advancing the nation's research and innovation capabilities in the circular economy within the RE sector.

The last date for submission of applications is 15.7.2025.

The Proposals can be submitted online at https://research.mnre.gov.in/.

For any further details, please contact Dr. Kuldeep Rana, Scientist-E, MNRE (email: <a href="mailto:kuldeeprana.mnre@gov.in">kuldeeprana.mnre@gov.in</a>) or Mr. PNBV Chalapathi Rao, Scientist-D, MNRE (email: <a href="mailto:chalapathi.rao@nic.in">chalapathi.rao@nic.in</a>).

#### Download link:

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4. Circulation of draft Guidelines for series approval of SPV Inverters for conducting testing in Test Labs for implementation of "Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025".

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

MNRE has issued an OM regarding the draft Guidelines for series approval of SPV Modules for conducting testing in Test Labs for implementation of "Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025" for comments of the Stakeholders.

The comments, if any, may be sent to <u>kamlesh.yadav@nise.res.in</u> with copy to <u>rajkumarb.mnre@gov.in</u> within 15 days from the notification of this OM.

#### Download link:

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/06/2025 0624786420766.pdf

## 5. Call for Proposal (CfP) to Support Start-up Incubation in the Renewable Energy Sector

25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

NISE has issued a Call for Proposal (CfP) to Support Start-up Incubation in the Renewable Energy Sector. The last date for submission of application is 26th August, 2025.

#### Download link:

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/06/2025 0627306336557.pdf

## 6. Revision in Waste to Energy Guidelines dated 02.11.2022, 28.02.2020 and 30.07.2018 -Reg

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

MNRE has issued amendments in Waste to Energy Guidelines which was earlier issued on 02.11.2022, 28.02.2020 and 30.07.2018 and can be accessed through MNRE website.

The changes/modifications/amendments will be applicable to all projects sanctioned under WTE Scheme guidelines dated 02.11.2022, 28.02.2020 and 30.07.2018.

#### Download link:

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/06/2025 06271593466055.pdf

7. Revision in Guidelines for the Biomass Programme under the Umbrella scheme of National Bioenergy Programme for duration of FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 (Phase-I) notified on 02.11.2022. 27th June 2025

MNRE has issued amendments in Guidelines for the Biomass Programme under the Umbrella scheme of National Bioenergy Programme for duration of FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 (Phase-I) notified on 02.11.2022 and can be accessed through MNRE website.

The revisions shall be applicable to all the projects sanctioned under Biomass component of the National Bioenergy Programme Phase-I of MNRE notified on 02.11.2022.

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#### **II.** Ministry of Power (MoP)

1. Amendment in Standard Bidding Documents for procurement of Inter State Transmission Services through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process- reg.

05th June 2025

MoP has issued amendments in Standard Request for Proposal (RfP) & Transmission Service Agreement (TSA) for procurement of Inter-State Transmission Services through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB), issued by Ministry of Power vide letter No. 15/1/2017-Trans dated 6th August, 2021.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Amendment\_in\_SBD\_for\_procure ment\_of\_Inter\_State\_Transmission\_Services\_through\_TBCB.pdf

2. Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) supported through Power System Development Fund (PSDF).

09th June 2025

MoP has issued a letter of **VGF Scheme** for development of BESS supported through Power System Development Fund (PSDF) to provide VGF to 15 number of States and NTPC (as per the Operational Guidelines) @ Rs. 18 Lakhs per MWh for development of 30 GWh BESS capacity supported through PSDF considering the requirement of Energy Storage in the country. Total financial support of Rs. 5400 Crores from PSDF.

The allocation includes 25 GWh of BESS capacity to 15 States to facilitate them in meeting their Energy Storage System requirements. In addition, 5 GWh of BESS capacity is allocated to NTPC, which is to be developed for optimum utilization of existing thermal generation and transmission infrastructure as well as to facilitate meeting non-solar hour electricity demand in a reliable and economic manner.

All the concerned States and NTPC are required to submit proposal to NLDC, the nodal agency for PSDF, as per the extant Guidelines/Procedure for funding of the projects under PSDF, within 30 days from the date of issuance of this letter.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/VGF\_PSDF\_order\_dated\_9June20\_25.pdf

### 3. Waiver of Inter-State Transmission Charges for Energy Storage Systems (ESS) - reg.

10<sup>th</sup> June 2025

MoP has issued order regarding the waiver of Inter-State Transmission (ISTS) Charges with respect to Hydro PSP and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Projects as per below details.

- a. ISTS charges waiver for Hydro PSP Projects for which the construction work has been awarded on or before 30 June 2028 shall be 100%.
- b. ISTS charges waiver for co-located Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Projects commissioned on or before 30 June, 2028 shall be 100%, if the power from such BESS projects is consumed outside of the state, where such BESS project is commissioned.
  - Provided, that a BESS project shall be considered as co-located, if the BESS and RE projects are connected at the same ISTS sub-station.
- c. There will not be any ISTS charges waiver for Hydro PSP Projects, for which the construction work awarded after 30<sup>TM</sup> June, 2028 and for co-located BESS commissioned after 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2028.
- d. For BESS projects which are not co-located, the ISTS charges waiver shall be as per the extant orders issued by the Ministry of Power and CERC Regulations.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Waiver of ISTS charges for Energy Storage Systems.pdf

## 4. Draft amendments proposed in Rule 18 (i.e., Energy Storage System) of Electricity Rules, 2005 - Reg.

11th June 2025

MoP has issued draft amendments proposed in Rule 18 (i.e., Energy Storage System) of Electricity Rules, 2005, with the request to provide stakeholder comments, if any.

The comments may be sent at <u>rr1-mop@gov.in</u> to the Ministry within 30 days from the date of the letter i.e., by 10.07.2025.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Stakeholder\_consultaion\_for\_proposed\_in\_Rule18.pdf

5. Model Contract Provision for "Dispute Avoidance Mechanism" through 'Independent Engineer' (IE) in the Construction Contracts of CPSEs executing Hydro Power Projects - Amendments reg

16th June 2025

Ministry of Power has issued an amendment to Model Contract Provision for "Dispute Avoidance Mechanism" through 'Independent Engineer' (IE) in the Construction Contracts of CPSEs executing Hydro Power Projects after consultations with CEA and CPSEs to address and resolve disputes between Hydro CPSEs and contractors at the inception stage of the project, thereby preventing escalation and ensuring smooth progress of the projects.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/OM\_Model\_Contract\_Provision\_f or Dispute Avoidance Mechanism Amendment.pdf

6. Amendment to the Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid connected Power Projects - Regarding. 25th June 2025

MoP has issued draft amendment to the Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Projects Bidding Process for Procurement of Power from Grid connected

- (i) Solar Power
- (ii) Wind Power Projects
- (iii) Wind Solar Hybrid Projects and
- (iv) Firm and Storage Dispatchable Power from Grid connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Systems,

The comments may be emailed (at <a href="mailto:nre.section-mop@gov.in">nre.section-mop@gov.in</a>) to the Ministry within 15 days from the date of issue of this letter i.e by 09th July, 2025.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Final\_TBCB\_letter\_and\_amendme\_nts\_dt25062025\_0.pdf

## 7. Guidelines for designating a Company as Renewable Energy Implementing Agency (REIA)-Reg.

25th June 2025

MoP has issued guidelines for designating a Company as Renewable Energy Implementing Agency (REIA).

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- (i) The Applicant Company shall be an Indian Company registered under the Companies Act, 2013.
- (ii) The Applicant Company should possess a valid Category-l electricity trading license as issued by the Central Commission.
- (iii) The Applicant Company must demonstrate:
  a. Net Worth, comprising subscribed capital and reserves (excluding revaluation reserve), exceeding Rs 500 Crore, and
- (iv) The Applicant Company shall have approval of its Board of Directors for designating the company as REIA.

Ministry of New & Renewable Energy may designate any company as REIA as per provisions of these guidelines, in consultation with Ministry of Power

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/REIA\_Guidelines\_for\_Designation\_combined.pdf

# 8. Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter-State Transmission Charges) Amendment Rules, 2025.

b. Long-term credit rating of A or above.

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

MoP has issued Gazette notification on Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter-State Transmission Charges) **Amendment** Rules, 2025.

In rule 3, in sub-rule (5), after the first proviso of the Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter-State Transmission Charges) Rules, 2021, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided further that the Central Government may delegate powers to the National Committee on Transmission and Central Transmission Utility for approving Inter-State Transmission System projects subject to the cost limits specified by the Central Government from time to time."

They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/REIA\_Guidelines\_for\_Designation\_combined.pdf

#### **III.** Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025- reg.

17<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Commission has issued the Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025, and the same is available on the Commission's website <a href="www.cercind.gov.in">www.cercind.gov.in</a>.

The comments/suggestions/objections may be sent to the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission or may be emailed to <a href="mailto:secy@cercind.gov.in">secy@cercind.gov.in</a> and <a href="mailto:ashutosh.sharma@nic.in">ashutosh.sharma@nic.in</a> on or before 14th July, 2025.

Download link: <a href="https://cercind.gov.in/2025/draft\_reg/PN\_PMR\_Amendment.pdf">https://cercind.gov.in/2025/draft\_reg/PN\_PMR\_Amendment.pdf</a>

2. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

25th June 2025

CERC has issued second amendment of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024.

Download link: <a href="https://cercind.gov.in/regulations/199.pdf">https://cercind.gov.in/regulations/199.pdf</a>

3. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

CERC has issued fourth amendment of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020.

Download link: <a href="https://cercind.gov.in/regulations/200.pdf">https://cercind.gov.in/regulations/200.pdf</a>

#### **IV. Central Electricity Authority**

### 1. Report of the National Workshop on RE integration through ESS (Phase-I) - reg.

04th June 2025

CEA has published the Report of the National Workshop on RE integration through ESS (Phase-I). The first phase of the National Workshop on Renewable Energy (RE) integration through Energy Storage Systems (ESS) was conducted on 08.05.2025 in hybrid mode with participation from key stakeholders including MNRE, PSUs, DISCOMs, RE and ESS developers/manufacturers.

The workshop witnessed active participation with more than 300 attendees including online participants. Detailed Report of the Workshop, encompassing the proceedings, session highlights, participations, and related insights, is attached in the link below for the Stakeholders.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/06/Workshop\_Report.pdf

2. Report of Standing Committee of Experts on failure of EHV transmission towers failed during the period from January 2024 to December 2024-reg

11th June 2025

CEA has published a report of Standing Committee of Experts on failure of EHV transmission towers failed during the period from January 2024 to December 2024 based on utility data and deliberations during the meeting.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-

content/uploads/pse td/2025/06/11.06.2025 Report of the Standing Committee of Experts on Failure of EHV Transmission Line Towers January2024 December2024.pdf

3. Invitation for Comments/Suggestions on identified Critical Imported Items and Support required for their Indigenous Development of such critical items—Reg

11th June 2025

CEA has prepared a draft list of critical items that are presently being imported, along with support required by manufacturers for the indigenization of these items. The list has been prepared in consultation with few stakeholders, including the Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA).

In this context, comments/suggestions/inputs are invited from all stakeholders, including the users in PSUs and other industries to decide on prioritization of items mentioned in the list of

identified critical items or any additional items which stakeholders consider as critical & support required for their indigenous development.

The inputs may be furnished at <u>ce-rndcea@nic.in</u> latest by 20th June 2025.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-

content/uploads/r d/2025/06/11 06 2025 Invitation for CommentsSuggestions on identified Critical Imported Items and Support required for their Indigenous Development of such critical items Reg..pdf

## 4. Draft of the Central Electricity Authority (Measures Related to Safety and Electricity Supply) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025 reg.

19th June 2025

CEA has issued a public notice regarding draft of the Central Electricity Authority (Measures Related to Safety and Electricity Supply) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025 for public and stakeholder comments.

All the Stakeholders and the public are requested to send their comments on the draft regulations to Chief Engineer (Legal), Sewa Bhawan (North Wing), Room No. 622, 6th Floor, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 by post or through e-mail (<a href="mailto:celegal-cea@gov.in">celegal-cea@gov.in</a>) latest by 20.07.2025.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/06/

2025 .pdf

#### 5. Safety Booklet-CEA, 2025

19th June 2025

CEA has introduced the First Edition of the Electricity Handbook codifying the safety precautions for avoiding electrical fires and accidents at Battery Energy Storage System, Electrical Vehicle Charging Station, Solar and Rooftop Solar Installations.

The Handbook provides the actionable do's and don'ts for operators. Consumers and prosumers along with the steps to be taken for improving the safety of the appliances and avoiding harm to any form of life around the Installations.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/06/Safety Booklet CEA.pdf

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