



Policy & Regulatory Updates



Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

1. Amendment to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Approved List of Models and Manufacturers – Wind (ALMM-Wind) and Approved List of Models and Manufacturers – Wind Turbine Components (ALMM-WTC)	1st December, 2025
MNRE has issued amendment to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for ALMM-Wind and ALMM-WTC. The requirement of prototype testing in India will be mandatory after two years from the date of issuance of this amendment subject to a review.	
Download link: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2025/12/202512011712290244.pdf	

2. Notice regarding Delay in Installation of SCADA based remote control system at IAF airfields	11th December, 2025
MNRE has issued a Notice regarding Delay in Installation of SCADA based remote control system at IAF airfields.	
MoD while issuing NOCs for Wind/Solar Power Projects, stipulates a condition that the WTGs affect the performance of Air Defence Radars by generating Doppler signatures resembling actual aircraft, thereby creating spurious plots/tracks, they be switched off during war/contingencies/for operational activities, as and when required by IAF. Towards this, the applicant needs to ensure installation of SCADA based remote control system at all earmarked IAF stations with facilities to switch off the WTGs. Even after several reminders given during various meetings highlighting the seriousness of the issue, the required work order for implementation of the SCADA system for wind power projects are yet to be placed. It is requested to take immediate action for implementation of the system and submit a implementation schedule to this ministry at the earliest. Non submission of implementation schedule and inaction towards this issue may lead to revocation of the MoD NoC issued for the same.	

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3. Revised Guidelines for series approval of SPV Modules for conducting testing in Test Labs for implementation of Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025

19th December, 2025

MNRE has issued Revised Guidelines for series approval of SPV Modules for conducting testing in Test Labs for implementation of Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025.

The guidelines are issued to facilitate labs/manufacturers in formation of series of products for approval of product family including change in design, materials, etc. for performance testing of SPV Modules in test labs for compulsory registration with BIS for implementation of the Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025 (Quality Control Order, 2025).

SPV Modules of capacities ranging from 0.2 to 20W used in solar luminaries applications, it has been decided that Modules of capacities up to 5W used for solar lantern applications will be tested as per IS 16476(Part I) and for testing modules in the range 5- 20 W appropriate standard will be brought out by BIS. This item will be included in the revised Quality Control Order for notification. Till such time SPV Modules of capacities ranging from 0.2 to 20 W used in solar luminaries are excluded in the series guidelines for BIS registration. The following series guidelines will now be followed for conducting tests on SPV Modules (crystalline and thin film, including bifacial type) by test labs.

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II. Ministry of Power

1. Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) to provide for Purchase Preference (linked with local content) in respect of implementation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) under VGF Scheme supported through PSDF- reg.

24th December, 2025

Ministry of Power has issued a letter regarding Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) to provide for Purchase Preference (linked with local content) in respect of implementation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) under VGF Scheme supported through PSDF.

For the purpose of disbursement of funds under the Power System Development Fund (PSDF) Guidelines, States and procuring entities shall ensure a minimum local content of 20 % of the total project cost in BESS procurements under the VGF Scheme. This minimum local content requirement shall include, inter-alia, the indigenously developed EMS application software.

In cases where tenders have already been invited without specific mention of local content, States may obtain an undertaking from the bidders to meet the aforementioned local content requirement and proceed with the award of contract accordingly.

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III. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Guidelines for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements	24th December, 2025
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CERC has issued Guidelines for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements as per the powers conferred under Regulation 54(3) of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market) Regulations, 2021.

Overview of Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (VPPA)

The VPPA between a REGS and a Consumer or a Designated Consumer shall have the following essential features:

- a. The electricity generated by REGS shall be sold through any mode authorised under the Electricity Act, 2003, or the PMR 2021 for physical delivery; (and such sale shall be for purposes other than for RPO/ RCO compliance).
- b. RECs issued to REGS shall be transferred to the Consumer or the Designated Consumer; (shall not be eligible for trading).
- c. The VPPA shall be a bilateral OTC non-tradable and non-transferrable contract;
- d. The VPPA shall have a duration of at least 1 (one) year.

Consumer or Designated Consumer may execute VPPA with REGS at a mutually agreed VPPA Strike Price.

Implementation Arrangement

- Consumers/Designated Consumers may enter into VPPAs with REGS as bilateral contracts on mutually agreed terms.
- REGS must be registered under CERC REC Regulations, 2022 (as amended).

- REGS may sell power via power exchanges or other authorised modes; such sales cannot be used for RPO/RCO compliance, while RECs are transferred to the Designated Consumer for RPO/RCO compliance.
- VPPAs for RPO/RCO are non-tradable and non-transferable; obligations continue for the contract period, and in case of ownership change, liabilities transfer as per applicable laws.

Payment Terms

- The difference between the VPPA Strike Price and the Settlement Price shall be settled bilaterally between the contracting parties in accordance with mutually agreed terms and conditions.

Renewable Energy Certificates

- The REGS shall submit an undertaking for capacity contracted through VPPA to the REC Registry to avoid any double accounting of the said REGS capacity.
- Certificates over and above the RPO/ RCO, can be carried forward for compliance in future years.
- The Central Agency shall extinguish such Certificates after they are used for compliance with the RPO/ RCO by the Consumer or the Designated Consumer and shall update its records.

These Guidelines shall come into effect from such date as may be notified by the Commission separately.

Download link: <https://cercind.gov.in/regulations/Guidelines-VPPA.pdf>

III. Central Electricity Authority

1. Request for Proposals for Research and Development in the Power Sector- reg.	22nd December, 2025
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CEA has issued a letter to Power Sector stakeholder's regarding request for Proposals for Research and Development in the Power Sector.

CEA had constituted a Committee & Sub-Committees for the NEP (2027-28 to 2036-37) to examine different aspects of the power sector and provide inputs. One of the sub-committees is on "Research and Development in the Power Sector".

To enhance collaboration between industry and research institutions, CEA invites ideas and proposals for R&D in the power sector, which needs to be focused upon in the next five or ten

years, from the industry representatives with the objective of engaging academia with the industry stakeholders and participation of industry in terms of Resources.

The proposals, if found constructive, may be discussed with the proponents in the next meeting of Sub-Committee V which is scheduled to be held in near future.

The inputs/comments may be provided to CEA via email at ce-rndcea@gov.in within 10 days from the date of issuance of the letter.

Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/12/Request_for_Proposals_for_Research_and_Development_in_the_Power_Sector.pdf

2. Submission of information regarding identified critical items those are currently being imported and support required for their localisation- reg.	12th December, 2025
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CEA has issued a letter to all stakeholders regarding Submission of information regarding identified critical items those are currently being imported and support required for their localisation.

As the power sector remains relies heavily on imported advanced components, making it vulnerable to global supply-chain risks and price volatility. Localising these items supports the Government's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision by boosting domestic manufacturing, reducing forex outflow, and strengthening grid resilience and energy security. A realistic, industry-backed assessment is essential for preparing a financially sound proposal for the Ministry of Power.

The complete information may please be furnished to: ce-rndcea@nic.in.

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https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/12/12_12_2025_identified_critical_items_currently_being_imported_and_support_required_for_their_localization.pdf

3. Inviting Public Comments on draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Independent Third-Party Fire Safety Audit of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) -regarding.	12th December, 2025
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CEA has issued a letter to all stakeholders regarding Inviting Public Comments on draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Independent Third-Party Fire Safety Audit of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

All the Stakeholders are requested to send their comments on the draft SOP to Chief Engineer (CEI), Sewa Bhawan (North Wing), Room No. 712, 7th Floor, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 by post or through e-mail (ceaeidivision@gov.in) latest by 11.01.2026.

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https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2025/12/Draft_SoP_for_public_comments.pdf

Issued by States & State Regulatory Commission

I. APERC

1. First Amendment to the APERC Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources Regulation 2025 Regulation No. 6 of 2025.	08th December, 2025
APERC has issued “First Amendment to the APERC Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources Regulation 2025”	
2. First Amendment to the APERC Green Energy Open Access Charges and Banking Regulation 2024 Regulation No. 3 of 2024	08th December, 2025
APERC has issued “First Amendment to the APERC Green Energy Open Access Charges and Banking Regulation 2024”.	
3. First Amendment to the APERC The Grid Interactive Solar Rooftop Photovoltaic Systems under Net/Gross Metering Regulation 2023 Regulation No. 4 of 2023	08th December, 2025
APERC has issued “First Amendment to the APERC The Grid Interactive Solar Rooftop Photovoltaic Systems under Net/Gross Metering Regulation 2023”.	
4. Seventh Amendment to the APERC Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and	08th December, 2025

Retail Sale of Electricity Regulation 2005 Regulation No. 4 of 2005	
APERC has issued “Seventh Amendment to the APERC Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity Regulation 2005”.	
<i>Download link: https://aperc.gov.in/admin/upload/Regulation9of2025.pdf</i>	
5. Second Amendment to the APERC Terms and Conditions of Open Access Regulation. Regulation No.2 of 2005	08th December, 2025
APERC has issued “Second Amendment to the APERC Terms and Conditions of Open Access Regulation”.	
<i>Download link: https://aperc.gov.in/admin/upload/regulation08of2025.pdf</i>	

II. CSERC

1. Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations, 2025	11th December, 2025
CSERC has issued Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations, 2025	
<i>Download link: https://cserc.gov.in/upload/upload_regulation/19-12-2025_17661401091.pdf</i>	
2. Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and conditions for determination of tariff for Renewable Energy sources) Regulations, 2025	17th December, 2025
CSERC has issued Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and conditions for determination of tariff for Renewable Energy sources) Regulations, 2025	
<i>Download link: https://cserc.gov.in/upload/upload_regulation/23-12-2025_17664682831.pdf</i>	

III. KSERC

1. Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025	24th December, 2025
KSERC has issued Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025	
<p>Download link: https://dev.erckerela.org/api/storage/draft-regulations/XwxrFSpdt71M8Je7UqPCO0gDyYZciPzQ5xmAnMZP.pdf</p>	

IV. PSERC

1. Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2025	02nd December, 2025
PSERC has issued Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2025.	
<p>Download link: https://pserc.punjab.gov.in/pages/notification-199.pdf</p>	

V. RERC

1. Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Renewable Energy Generating Systems) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025.	03rd December, 2025
RERC has issued Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Renewable Energy Generating Systems) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025.	
<p>Download link: https://rerc.rajasthan.gov.in/rerc-user-files/regulations</p>	

VI. Gujarat

1. Gujarat Integrated Renewable Energy Policy - 2025.	24th December, 2025
Gujarat has issued Gujarat Integrated Renewable Energy Policy – 2025 to attain energy independence, affordable and reliable renewable power, foster inclusive socio-economic growth, accelerate decarbonisation, and contribute towards National Energy Transition with	

Mission of Gujarat as a Green Energy Leader by achieving 100 GW+ of Renewable Energy capacity, contributing significantly to India's 500 GW target by 2030.

Objectives:

- a) Achieve more than 50% of total energy consumption from non-fossil fuel energy resources by 2030.
- b) Achieve an installed Renewable Energy capacity of more than 150 GW by 2035, coinciding with Gujarat's 75th year of Statehood, reinforcing the State's leadership in India's clean energy transition.
- c) Achieve an installed Renewable Energy capacity of 300 GW by 2047, to mark the centenary of India's independence and establish Gujarat as a frontrunner in the global clean energy landscape.
- d) Lower the carbon intensity of the State economy by more than 45% by 2030 (from 2005 levels).
- e) Significantly contribute to achieving India's Net Zero emission target by 2070.

Major Highlight:

Promotion & Integration of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS):

- Promotion of grid-connected and co-located BESS projects.
- Integration of BESS with solar, wind, and hybrid projects.
- BESS for transmission support, ancillary services, distribution utilities, and end consumers.
- Strategic BESS locations to be identified by SNA with GETCO/SLDC/DISCOMs.
- Participation of BESS in ancillary and capacity markets with fair compensation by unlocking new revenue streams.

Relaxation in RE Project Commissioning:

- Extended commissioning period for RE projects for Captive / Third party.
- Evacuation line timelines linked to voltage level, instead of project capacity.
- Additional six months each allowed for project and evacuation line commissioning upon payment of GERC-determined charges.

Supportive Framework for Wind Repowering & Refurbishment:

- Alignment with National Repowering Policy.
- Refurbishment/repowering allowed without dismantling old WTGs.
- Repowering timeline extended to 24 months.
- WTGs completed 25 years mandatory registration with SNA within six months from issuance of policy.
- Incentives include:
 1. Extension of existing PPA during repowering period (max 2 years).
 2. Waiver of transmission charges on unutilized capacity during changeover.
 3. Priority in connectivity enhancement required for repowering.

- Flexibility in micro-siting norms.

On-Demand RE Connectivity & Grid Strengthening:

- RE connectivity on demand via Akshay-Urja-Setu Portal.
- New transmission schemes to harness RE potential in RE-rich zones.

Policy Continuity & Ownership:

- Transfer of ownership allowed for RE projects under all previous policies.
- Projects sanctioned under RE Policy 2023 permitted to complete within their agreement timeline or 6 months, whichever is later.

Promotion of Emerging RE Technologies:

- Ocean energy, geothermal, CST, BIPV, RIPV, Agrivoltaics and vertical-axis wind turbines.
- Budgetary support for R&D in RE sector.

Empowering Consumers with Rooftop & Distributed RE:

- Group Net Metering and Virtual Net Metering for rooftop solar.
- Distributed solar for agricultural demand.
- Rooftop solar-wind hybrid systems encouraged.
- Surplus injection compensation continued for residential consumers.

Boosting Circular Economy:

- Promotion of RE manufacturing and recycling of solar, wind and storage equipment.
- Circular economy principles integrated into Gujarat's energy transition.

Private Sector & Innovation:

- Promotion of private developers for RE Parks.
- Private participation in Wind Resource Assessment (WRA) and AWS installations with transparent registry.
- Prototype wind projects eligible for connectivity and allow project transfer after inclusion in ALMM (Wind).
- Incentives for Start-ups in the RE sector.

Other Provisions:

- Non-obligated entities allowed to avail RE attributes.
- DISCOMs may allow wheeling agreements at prevailing tariff order of GERC for balance project life (up to 25 years) subject to extension by GEDA & GETCO.
- Green jobs & skilling initiatives integrated into policy.

This Policy will come into effect from the date of notification and shall remain in operation up to 31st December 2030 or till notification of the new Policy, whichever is earlier. The Gujarat

Renewable Energy Policy 2023, notified vide G.R. dated October 04, 2023, and its subsequent amendments shall stand superseded

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2. Gujarat Green Hydrogen Policy-2025.

December, 2025

Gujarat has issued Gujarat Green Hydrogen Policy-2025 for driving sustainable economic growth, enhancing energy security, and enabling the production, consumption, and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives with Mission to position Gujarat as a leading hub in the green energy ecosystem by achieving green hydrogen production capacity of 3 MMTPA by 2035 in alignment with Panchamrit Commitments.

Objectives:

- Achieve approximately 30 GW of electrolyser capacity and 75 GW of renewable energy capacity.
- Facilitate approximately INR 5,00,000 crore in investments across the green hydrogen and renewable energy sectors.
- Create around 6,00,000 direct and indirect green jobs.
- Reduce, at least, 2 MMTPA of natural gas consumption through the adoption of green hydrogen and eliminate 5 MMTPA of CO2 emissions within the State.

The Policy shall come into operation with effect from the date of its Notification in the Official Gazette of the State and shall remain in force till 31st December 2035 or until a new Policy is announced by the Government of Gujarat, whichever is earlier.

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3. Gujarat Pumped Storage Project Policy-2025.

December, 2025

Gujarat has issued Gujarat Pumped Storage Project Policy-2025 with goal to establish 75 PSP units and attract investment of 75000 Crore by 2035 coinciding with 75 years of statehood. Also, To establish 100 PSPs by 2047 aligned with Viksit Bharat @2047.

Objectives:

- PSP Development & Grid Integration**
 - To harness the PSP potential available.
 - To develop adequate storage capacity to align with the Resource Adequacy Plan.
 - To facilitate the fulfillment of Energy Storage Obligation and Renewable Purchase Obligation targets.

- To mitigate the grid integration challenges arising out of large-scale RE penetration.

b) Economic Development & Green Skilling

- To create a suitable competitive environment for attracting investment.
- To create direct and indirect job opportunities, foster startups, encourage green manufacturing, and leverage carbon credits.
- To strengthen the economy and infrastructure development in the State.

c) Capacity Building & Innovation Opportunities

- To foster green jobs and build a skilled workforce,
- To promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-up participation.
- To strengthen partnerships with academia and R&D institutions to support indigenous technology development and knowledge dissemination.

d) Climate Action and Sustainable Development

- To enable the achievement of India's Net Zero emission targets.
- To promote sustainable development and climate action.

The Policy shall remain in operation for a period of ten years from the date of notification in the State Gazette or until a new Policy is notified. The PSPs installed and commissioned during the Policy's operating period shall become eligible for the benefits and incentives declared under this Policy, for a period of 40 years from their date of commissioning or the life span of PSPs, whichever is earlier.

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