

No. 283/54/2026-GRID SOLAR

भारत सरकार / Government of India

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Approved List of Models & Manufacturers (ALMM) List-II for solar PV cells: Clarification – reg.

1. Several requests have been received in MNRE seeking clarifications w.r.t. applicability of ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells), in light of MNRE's O.M. No. 283/53/2026-GRID SOLAR dated 18.07.2026 and its implications, if any, on MNRE's previous O.M.s reg. ALMM. The requests have been examined and following is hereby clarified:

a) For projects awarded through bidding, if last date of bid submission is on or before the cut-off date of 31.08.2025 (the date falling after one month of the publication of initial ALMM List-II dated 31.07.2025), the projects are exempt from ALMM List-II (for solar cells), else not. The applicability of this provision is to bids which were live as on 28.07.2025.

However, if the bid conditions in tenders where the last date of bid submission was between

09.12.2024 (the date of issuance of MNRE's Office Memorandum No. 283/59/2024-GRID SOLAR dated 09.12.2024 for implementation of ALMM for solar PV cells)

and

28.07.2025 (the date of amendment to MNRE's aforesaid Office Memorandum dated 09.12.2024, vide MNRE's Office Memorandum No. 283/59/2024-GRID SOLAR dated 28.07.2025),

provided for usage of solar PV cells from ALMM List-II for solar PV cells, such conditions will remain valid, as MNRE's O.M. No. 283/59/2024-GRID SOLAR dated 28.07.2025, which modified the MNRE's O.M. No. 283/59/2024-GRID SOLAR dated 09.12.2024, and the issuance of first list of ALMM for solar PV cells on 31.07.2025, has effectively shifted the cut-off date for applicability of ALMM for solar PV cells on projects awarded through bidding, from 09.12.2024 to 31.08.2025 and MNRE's O.M. of 28.07.2025 does NOT directly / automatically relax the bid conditions in tenders wherein the last date of bid submission was between 09.12.2024 and 28.07.2025.

b) For Net-Metering & Open Access Projects, if commissioned by 31.12.2026, the projects are exempt from ALMM List-II for solar cells, else not. The exemption is only for ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells), and compliance to ALMM List-I (for solar PV modules) still needs to be followed as per extant provisions applicable to the concerned project. This exemption from ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells) is irrespective of whether the project is initiated pre or post 18.07.2026, and without any need/ pre-requisite of any application on the portal [https://solarcdcrportal.nise.res.in/]

If any residential rooftop solar consumer or rooftop solar project for residential building, is availing Net Metering with the option of 'Give It UP Subsidy cases under PMSG:MBY', such cases shall be exempted from applicability of ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells) till the end of the scheme period, i.e., 31st March 2027, subject to the condition that such applications are made mandatorily through PMSG National Portal only, however, this exemption is only in respect of ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells) and compliance to ALMM List-I (for solar PV modules), will still be required, as the same is applicable for all net-metering projects.

'Net-Metering' as referred herein shall be construed to cover all other forms of connection and interaction to grid, including but not limited to Gross Metering, Net Billing, Net Feed In, Virtual Net Metering, Group Net Metering, etc. but excluding Behind-The-Meter connections.

c) For Rooftop Solar Projects on Government Buildings, which have been awarded through bidding:

- i. If the last date of bid submission was on or prior to 09.12.2024 – the projects will be exempt from ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells).

- ii. If the last date of bid submission was between 09.12.2024 to 28.07.2025 – w.r.t. applicability of ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells), the projects will be governed by the provisions in this regard in the tender documents.*
- iii. If the last date of bid submission was from 28.07.2025 to 31.08.2025 – the projects will be exempt from ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells).*
- iv. If the last date of bid submission was after 31.08.2025 – the projects will not be exempt from ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells).*

d) For Rooftop Solar Projects (Net-Metering/ Open Access) on Government Buildings, which have not been awarded through bidding:

- i. If commissioned by 31.12.2026 – the projects will be exempt from ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells).*
- ii. If commissioned after 31.12.2026 – the projects will not be exempted from ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells).*

e) Behind-The-Meter Projects:

In line with harmonious reading of MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(5) dated 07.10.2022, O.M. No. 283/106/2017-GRID SOLAR dated 16.05.2025, O.M. No. 283/106/2017-GRID SOLAR dated 10.07.2025, following is clarified:

- i. ALMM List-I (for solar PV modules) and ALMM List-II (for solar PV cells) shall not apply to behind-the-meter solar power plants solely used for captive consumption by a consumer or group of consumers, other than Government entities or Public Sector Enterprises.*
- ii. Behind-the-Meter projects for captive consumption of Government entities or Public Sector Enterprises:*
 - are mandated to use ALMM enlisted solar PV modules but are exempt from using ALMM enlisted solar PV cells, if commissioned by 31.12.2026; and*
 - are mandated to use both ALMM enlisted solar PV modules and ALMM enlisted solar PV cells, if commissioned after 31.12.2026.*

f) ALMM O.M.s/ Orders have no impact on DCR provisions: The Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) provisions in respective Schemes are governed by the Scheme Guidelines of the respective Schemes including various clarifications/amendments issued thereto and not by the orders / O.M.s on ALMM and any order / O.M. of ALMM issued by MNRE, does not relax any provisions about usage of domestically manufactured solar PV modules and domestically manufactured solar PV cells in any of MNRE's Schemes.

2. This is issued with the approval of the Secretary, MNRE.



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