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

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Solar PV Power Projects under Tranche-I and Tranche-II of CPSU Scheme Phase II (Government Producer Scheme), implemented by SECI – reg.

1. Reference is invited to the requests received from SECI vide its letter nos. SECI/Solar/CPSU PII/T1 & T2/ Extension/40369 dated 11.12.2020 and dated 26.03.2021 and email dated 16.04.2021, regarding extending the timelines for project execution under Tranche I and II of CPSU Scheme Phase-II.
2. Representations have been received for extending the timelines for projects in Tranche-III of CPSU Scheme Phase-II, primarily on account of temporary shortage of equipment for solar PV power projects, particularly domestically manufactured solar PV cells. The interactions of the Ministry with industry stakeholders have also indicated that the addition of new domestic manufacturing capacity of solar cells has been delayed due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions.
3. Against the above background, with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power), MNRE modified the Scheme Guidelines for CPSU Scheme Phase-II to increase the project timelines. The commissioning period has been enhanced from present 24 (twenty four) months to 30 (thirty) months from the date of letter of award (LoA). Further, the timeline for the intermediate milestone of "Award of EPC Contract", which was 6 (six) months from LoA, in Tranche-I & Tranche-II, has also been increased to 12 (twelve) months from the date of LoA.
4. In order to address certain issues pertaining to projects sanctioned under Tranche-I & Tranche-II of CPSU Scheme Phase -II, the amended timelines shall also be applicable to Tranche-I & Tranche-II projects.
5. In accordance with these new timelines, for projects under Tranche I & II:
 - a) Government Producers who had awarded the EPC contract within 6 (six) months from the date of issuance of LoA by SECI, shall increase the time period for project execution by EPC contractor such that the total project timeline is 30 (thirty) months from the date of LoA by SECI.



- b) Projects where the award of EPC contract happened beyond 6 (six) months but within 12 (twelve) months of LoA by SECI, such delay is regularised and the Government Producers shall keep the time period for project execution by EPC contractor such that the total project timeline is 30 (thirty) months from the date of LoA by SECI.
- c) In cases where the EPC contract has not been awarded even within 12 (twelve) months of issuance of LoA, SECI may carefully assess the readiness of the project for commissioning within 30 (thirty) months of LoA, and based on that decide on giving more time for award of EPC contract, subject to the payment of applicable penalties by such Government Producers. The overall project completion timeline in such cases will stay at 30 (thirty) months. All other projects are to be cancelled and such organisations can apply afresh or participate in future CPSU Scheme tenders.
- d) The above timelines are excluding the extension(s) given on account of COVID-19, including the 5 (five) months blanket extension already given by MNRE.
6. A compliance report on Para-5 above shall be submitted by SECI within a fortnight of this O.M.
7. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).


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