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<p>3.6.1 Timelines for project commissioning:</p> <p>For commissioning of solar power projects under this Scheme, time period of 18 months from the date of letter of award, shall be provided to Government producer. However, in order to expedite the implementation of the Scheme and to give impetus to domestic solar PV manufacturing, a shorter timeline can also be specified by MNRE.</p>	<p>3.6.1 Timelines for project commissioning:</p> <p>The solar power projects under this scheme shall be commissioned within a period of:</p> <p>(i). For projects upto 500 MW capacity: Projects to be commissioned within 24 (twenty four) months from the date of letter of award.</p> <p>(ii). For projects more than 500 MW capacity: Capacity upto 500 MW must be commissioned within 24 (twenty four) months from the date of letter of award and balance capacity to be commissioned within next six months.</p> <p>However, in order to expedite the implementation of the Scheme and to give impetus to domestic solar PV manufacturing, a shorter timeline can also be specified by MNRE.</p>
<p>3.6.3 Time-extension/ Dispute Resolution:</p> <p>All requests regarding time-extension or dispute resolution, on force majeure events, shall be dealt by SECI in terms of the provisions in contractual agreement and the instructions issued by MNRE from time to time, including any Dispute Resolution Mechanism instituted by MNRE.</p>	<p>3.6.3 Time-extension/ Dispute Resolution:</p> <p>All requests regarding time-extension or dispute resolution, on force majeure events, shall be dealt by IREDA in terms of the provisions in contractual agreement and the instructions issued by MNRE from time to time, including any Dispute Resolution Mechanism instituted by MNRE.</p>
<p>Nil</p>	<p><u>New Clause</u></p> <p>5. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Guidelines, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) shall be permitted to allot/ sanction solar PV power project capacities under CPSU Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme) of upto 50 MW, to any willing Government entity at the L1 rate (VGF amount bid by L1 bidder) discovered in the most recent last bidding, within four months of such last bidding, without the need for such entity to participate in bids, subject to the said Government entity meeting all other qualification requirements as otherwise prescribed by MNRE/ Scheme Guidelines</p>



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	and the said Government entity giving consent to abide by all other rules and procedures, as otherwise applicable to projects allotted through bidding under Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme). The limit of 50 MW is with respect to project capacities being allotted to one government entity for the duration between the two bids under CPSU Scheme by IREDA. There shall be no limit on project capacities that can be allotted through this route, subject to any single Government Entity not being allotted more than 50 MW capacity in the period between two consecutive bids by IREDA under CPSU Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme).

2. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Power & NRE).



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Dated: 5th March, 2019

ORDER

Subject: Implementation of Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme) for setting up 12,000 MW grid-connected Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Projects by the Government Producers with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support for self-use or use by Government/ Government entities, either directly or through Distribution Companies (DISCOMS)

Sir/ Madam,

1. The sanction of the President is hereby conveyed for Implementation of Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme) for setting up 12,000 MW grid-connected Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Projects by the Government Producers with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support of Rs 8,580 Crores, for self-use or use by Government/ Government entities, either directly or through Distribution Companies (DISCOMS), as per provisions of the Scheme enclosed at Annexure-I.

2. Implementation of the Scheme

2.1 The 12,000 MW or more capacity of grid connected solar power projects will be set up by the Government Producers as per the terms and conditions specified in Government Producer Scheme enclosed as **Annexure-I**. The major terms and conditions are mentioned below:

2.2.1 Definition of Government Producer: For the purpose of the 'Government Producer Scheme', 'Government Producer' can be any entity which is either directly controlled by the Central or State Government or is under the administrative control of Central or State Government or a company in which Government is having more than 50% shareholding.

2.2.2 Domestic Content Requirement (DCR): The Scheme will mandate use of both solar photovoltaic (SPV) cells and modules manufactured domestically as per specifications and testing requirements fixed by MNRE. The DCR initially will be for both solar PV cells and solar PV modules. However, MNRE will undertake a review every year and based on the capacities of various stages of solar PV manufacturing in India, may increase this requirement to include wafers, ingots and polysilicon manufactured in India, or earmark some proportion for modules made from cells which are of higher efficiency standards than the applicable industry standard at that point of time.

2.2.3 Scheme Modality (major points):

2.2.3.1 Any Government Producer setting up solar PV power project will be eligible for assistance under this Scheme if it sets up a solar PV power plant for self-use or use by Government/ Government entities, either directly or through DISCOMS.

2.2.3.2 The Solar PV power project capacity under the Government Producer Scheme would be allocated to the Government Producers by way of bidding, who in turn, will secure an arrangement for usage of power for self-use or use by Government/ Government entities, either directly or through DISCOMS.

2.2.4 VGF:

2.2.4.1. With the objective of covering the cost difference between the domestically produced solar cells and modules and imported solar cells and modules, VGF shall be provided under the Scheme.

While the maximum permissible VGF has been kept at ₹0.70 cr./MW, the actual VGF to be given to a Government Producer under the Scheme would be decided through bidding using VGF amount as a bid parameter to select project proponent. The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) will be entrusted with the task of conducting the bidding amongst Government Producers for allocation of solar power project capacity under the Scheme, with VGF amount as a bid parameter to select project proponent. The maximum permissible VGF amount will also be reviewed from time to time, by MNRE, and will be reduced by MNRE if the cost difference comes down.

2.2.4.2 Release of VGF: VGF will be released in two tranches as follows:

- (i) 50% on Award of contract to the EPC contractor (including in-house EPC Division); and
- (ii) balance 50% on successful commissioning of the full capacity of the project

3. Role of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)

SECI will handle the scheme on behalf of MNRE including conducting bidding on VGF basis, amongst Government Producers, for selection of Government Producers for implementing this Scheme. SECI will be given a fee of 1% of the VGF disbursed for conducting bidding, handling the funds, monitoring of the projects and managing all aspects of the Scheme. SECI will ensure that the proposed projects comply with the WTO provisions, and also the compliance by Government Producers on the mandatory requirement of DCR under the Scheme.

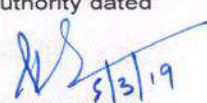
4. Project Implementation Schedule for Solar PV Projects

The total 12,000 MW capacity will be added in 4 years period i.e. from financial year 2019-20 to 2022-23.

5. Power to remove difficulties: If there is need for any amendment to the Government Producer Scheme for better implementation or any relaxation is required in the norms due to operational problems, MNRE will be competent to make such amendments with the approval of Minister-in-charge, without increasing the financial requirements and VGF limits.

6. The funds for implementation of the above Scheme would be met from Demand No. : 67 - Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Major Head: 2810 - New and Renewable Energy, Sub Major Head: 00, Minor Head: 101 - Grid Interactive and Distributed Renewable Power, Sub-Head: 01 - Grid Interactive Renewable Power, Detailed Head: 04 - Solar power, Object Head: 35 - Grants for Creation of Capital Assets, during the year 2018-19 to 2022-23.

7. This issues in exercise of powers delegated to this Ministry and with the concurrence of IFD dated 18.02.2019 vide their Dy. No. 522 dated 18.02.2019 and approval of competent authority dated 01.03.2019.


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