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Government of India
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(National Solar Mission Division)

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Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Modifications in Scheme for “Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects”-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Guidelines for implementation of Scheme for “Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects” issued vide this Ministry’s order no. 30/26/2014-15/NSM dated 21-03-2017 & subsequent modifications and to further convey the following modifications in the above Scheme.

2. So far, there are 7 modes under which the scheme is implemented. A new mode, Mode-8 namely Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Parks (UMREPPs) is introduced with the following features.
3. The details of implementing arrangements of Mode-8 (UMREPPs) are as follows:
 - i. **Solar Power Park Developer (SPPD):** The SPPD of the UMREPP may be any CPSU/State PSU/State Govt. Organisation or their subsidiaries. A Joint Venture Company (JVC) between two or more of the above entities may also act as the SPPD.
 - ii. **Role of State Government**
 - a. State Government to provide necessary assistance to the SPPDs in identification & acquisition of land for setting up of UMREPPs and also to facilitate all required statutory clearances. The State Government may designate any State Government Organization for the purpose.
 - b. The land for UMREPP to be allotted with a condition that the development must be completed within two years (with a provision of extension for one year under extreme cases) failing which the State Government may take back the allotted land in consultation with this Ministry.
 - c. A Committee to be set up under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Power/Energy/Renewable Energy) of the concerned State Government, having CEO of the SPPD, head of State Nodal Agency (SNA) and three experts in the field of Renewable Energy and Power Systems as members of the committee. The committee will facilitate setting up of the UMREPP, monitor the progress and also fix the one-time upfront charges and annual Operation & Maintenance charges etc. to be charged from the power developers. The UMREPPs are not to be taken as profit making activities and maximum 16% return on equity may be allowed.
 - d. For the above activities, the State Government or any organization designated by the State Government would be paid a facilitation charge of Rs. 0.05/unit of power being generated from the projects in the UMREPPs for the entire PPA period of the project.



This facilitation charge may be paid to State Governments only on the quantum of power that is exported outside the state from that UMREPP and only if no facilitation charge or similar charge is levied under the State Government policy.

iii. **Compensation to the SPPD:** The SPPD will be entitled for the following compensations for development and management of the UMREPPs:


- a. Central Financial Assistance (CFA): For development of internal infrastructure including cost of transmission to the CTU/STU point, the CFA of Rs. 20 Lakh/MW or 30% of the cost of development of the UMREPPs, whichever is lower would be provided. Any augmentation/strengthening and/or creation of external power evacuation infrastructure may be done by CTU.
- b. If the SPPD or any of its individual promoters has a trading license, he may act as a trader of power being produced in the park, for which he would be entitled to claim a margin of Rs 0.07 /unit. This compensation may not be provided to RE projects to be developed under EPC mode where the cost of power would already have a factor of Return on Equity.
- c. While calling bids for power projects in UMREPPs, the Standard Bidding Guidelines issued by Government of India will have to be followed.

iv. **Power Projects inside UMREPPs:**

- a. The power projects inside the UMREPPs may be developed either under developer mode through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process or under EPC mode (by the SPPD or any of its individual promoters) or any combination of both. However, the SPPD or any of its individual promoters cannot take part in tariff based competitive bidding process in an UMREPP developed by them.
- b. While calling bids for selection of RE power developers in the UMREPPs, it may be made clear in the bid document that the facilitation charge of Rs 0.05/unit and trading margin of Rs 0.07/unit to the SPPD, if applicable, will be paid by the RE power developers.
- c. The CPSUs are free to set up RE projects in EPC mode, under Central Schemes like the CPSU Scheme, in any of the UMREPPs.

4. All other terms & conditions will be as per the relevant provisions mentioned in the scheme for "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects" issued vide this Ministry's order no. 30/26/2014-15/NSM dated 21-03-2017 & subsequent modifications.

5. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, Power and New & Renewable Energy.


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