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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of March, 2021.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy for the month of March, 2021.

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Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

The important events and developments that took place during March 2021 are summarized as follows:

1. A total of 1463.31 MW of Renewable Energy (RE) capacity was added, taking the cumulative installed RE capacity to 94.43 GW as on March 31, 2021. This includes 40.09 GW of Solar capacity, 39.24 GW of Wind capacity, 10.31 GW of Bio-power and 4.79 GW of Small Hydro capacity. Further, projects of 49.7 GW capacity are at various stages of implementation and projects of 25.91 GW capacity are under various stages of bidding.
2. An expenditure of Rs. 3096.73 crore has been incurred up to March 31, 2021 which is around 86.24 percent of the total Revised Estimate (RE) for the Ministry for the year 2020-21.
3. The Ministry vide order dated March 08, 2021 circulated the Draft Policy Framework for developing and promoting Decentralized Renewable Energy (DRE) Livelihood Applications for comments of stakeholders.
4. In order to ensure the reliability of solar PV modules being deployed in India, MNRE has established a mechanism of enlistment of solar PV cells and modules (Approved list of Models and Manufacturers or ALMM) after thorough inspection of the manufacturing facilities. The ALMM Order was issued on 2nd January, 2019. The first list under this Order, List-I for models and manufacturers of modules, has been published on March 10, 2021. The ALMM Order is expected to increase the credibility of the enlisted solar PV module manufacturers by way of proven compliance to both quality and reliability.
5. In order to give further impetus to domestic manufacturing, the Government has agreed to impose Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on import of solar PV cells and solar PV modules, with effect from April 1, 2022. MNRE's O.M. dated March 9, 2021 has announced the following BCD trajectory for solar PV cells and solar PV modules:

Items	CTH	Upto 31.03.2022	w.e.f. 01.04.2022
Solar Module	85414012	0%	40%
Solar Cell	85414011	0%	25%

6. The Ministry vide its order dated March 30, 2021 issued a clarification regarding Time Extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of Renewable Energy (RE) Projects considering the disruption due to COVID-19. It was clarified that the total extension provided by implementing agencies on account of COVID-19 should in no case be more than 6 months including the 5 month blanket extension given earlier by this Ministry vide its O.M. of August 13, 2020. In case an implementing agency feels that there is a requirement to give extension beyond 6 months, it shall make a reference for consideration of this Ministry with due justification and supporting documents.

7. Under the Waste to Energy programme, the Ministry sanctioned CFA of Rs 250 Cr to five MSW Power projects with a total power capacity of 74.7 MW and total utilisation of approximately 6000 Tons/day of MSW.
8. The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) issued the Letters of Award for 1200 MW ISTS connected wind power projects on March 19, 2021. Further a NIT was issued for setting up 1200 MW ISTS-Connected Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Projects (Tranche-IV)
9. A video statement of Shri R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy was released on March 10, 2021 during the virtual launch of the High Level Dialogue on Energy-2021 under the auspices of the UN General Assembly. Also, Hon'ble Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy was interviewed on March 25, 2021 by Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi as part of the BE-BOLD CAMPAIGN for the UN High Level Dialogue on Energy. The interview was held on a virtual platform.
