

F. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR

भारत सरकार / Government of India

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

ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

Block No. 14, C.G.O. Complex,  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Time-extension In Scheduled Commissioning Date of Renewable Energy (RE) Projects considering disruption due to the second surge of COVID-19**

1. Reference is invited to this Ministry's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, providing for a mechanism for claiming time-extension, on account of second surge of COVID-19, for RE projects, being implemented through Implementing Agencies designated by MNRE or under various schemes of MNRE and having their Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD) on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021.
2. It was also provided that the quantum of time-extension to be granted in this manner will be notified separately by MNRE.
3. In this regard it has been noted that with the improvement in the COVID-19 situation in the country, many States/UTs have begun the process of unlocking. Broadly, the period of disruption due to second surge of COVID-19 seems to be from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.
4. It has also been noted that activities related to RE projects are covered under essential activities, and are allowed to continue even during the lockdown situations.
5. However, In order to facilitate the ease of doing business and as a measure of relief to RE projects so that they can deal with difficulties arising out of the restrictions imposed on account of the second COVID-19 surge, it has been decided that the entire period of disruption i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 (both dates inclusive), can be allowed as time-extension to RE projects, being implemented through Implementing Agencies designated by the MNRE or under various schemes of MNRE, following the process stated in MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 12.05.2021.
6. This issues with approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).

  
(Mohd Azmal Mansoori)

Scientist-B

Email: azmal.mnre@gov.in

**To**

1. Chairman & Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI), Plate-B, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower 2, NBCC Office Block, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023.
2. Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC Limited, NTPC Bhawan, Scope Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
3. Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC Limited, N.H.P.C Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad, Haryana.

**Copy to:**

1. Addl. Chief Secretaries / Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of Power / Energy / Renewable Energy Departments of State Governments/ UT Govts./ Administrations for considering to issue similar instructions for RE projects under them, based on their specific circumstances.
2. NIC, MNRE, for uploading on MNRE website for dissemination of information

**Copy for internal circulation:** PS to Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power) / Sr. PPS to Secretary, MNRE / Sr. PPS to AS/ JS (AKS)/ JS (BPY) / JS (DDJ)/ JS&FA / All Group Heads and Division Heads in MNRE