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Office Memorandum

Subject: Constitution of committee to promote women-centric policies, programs, and interventions in the RE sector

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), under its various schemes and programmes, has been encouraging participation of women in renewable energy sector. Recently, an online session on “Women in Renewable Energy (RE): Call for Action” was organized to acknowledge the role of women entrepreneurs and leaders in the Renewable Energy Sector and to discuss the way forward. MNRE has also received comments and feedback on possible interventions to further increase participation of women in the renewable energy growth story.

2. To push the women-centric policies, programs, and interventions required in the RE sector, it has been decided to constitute a committee with following composition:

- i. Joint Secretary (Solar), MNRE – Chair
- ii. Representative from M/o Women & Child Development – Member
- iii. Representative from M/o Rural Development – Member
- iv. Representative from M/o Panchayati Raj – Member
- v. Representative from M/o Small and Medium Enterprises – Member
- vi. Representative from International Solar Alliance - Member
- vii. Representative from Solar Power Developers Association - Member
- viii. Representative from NABARD – Member
- ix. Representative from Indian Bank Association – Member
- x. Representative from CII – Member
- xi. Representative from FICCI – Member
- xii. Director (Off-grid Solar), MNRE – Member Secretary

2. Committee will provide its recommendations on, women-centric policies, programs, and interventions required in the RE sector, including the following aspects:

- Promoting active engagement of women across the RE sector to address the issues of poverty, pollution, clean water, and gender inequality.

- Empowering women by introducing them to renewable energy solutions and capacitating them by imparting regular skill trainings.
- Effective implementation of existing women-oriented government programs to reach grass root level, focusing more on rural women.
- Promoting decentralized Gandhian approach for rural energy access by developing rural women entrepreneurs from the villages at a large scale.
- Coordination among different Ministries for possible convergence and hand-holding support to women.
- Sharing success stories, celebrating champions and exploring possibilities for adaptation/replication of successful models.
- Creating knowledge networks and partnerships among stakeholders for scaling up RE activities oriented towards women.

3. The above constituted committee shall meet at least once a quarter or sooner as may be required. TA/DA to the members for site visits, if required, would be available as per Government rules. All the members organizations may nominate their representative in the Committee so that the first meeting of the Committee may be convened at an early date.

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To

All members of the Committee

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