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Shram Shakti Bhawan,  
Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001  
Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

**Subject: Minutes of the Meeting with BESS Industry representatives held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (R&R) at 1030 Hrs on 24.04.2026 - regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (R&R) at 1030 Hrs on 24.04.2026, in Conference Hall, Shram Shakti Bhawan, on the matters related to the BESS Industry representatives, for your kind information and necessary action, please.

Encl: as above.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India,  
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To,  
All concerned Officers/ Organizations.

Copy to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (P)
2. Sr.PPS to AS(R&R)
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**MINISTRY OF POWER  
SHRAM SHAKTI BHAWAN**

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**Meeting with BESS Industry Representatives**

Venue: 2nd Floor Conference Hall, Shram Shakti Bhawan

Date and Time: 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 10.30 Hrs

A meeting under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (R&R), MoP with BESS Industry Representatives was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Ministry of Power. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. At the outset Additional Secretary (R&R) welcomed the participants of the meeting. Thereafter, representative from IESA gave a presentation to the Chair highlighting the issues faced by developers and manufacturers in grid-scale BESS deployment. The issues discussed during the meeting are as under:

- i. **Separate HSN Code for Grid scale batteries:** Representatives from industry associations pointed out that lithium-ion cells, battery packs, and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are currently classified under a single HSN code, with no separate classification for BESS containers. This has resulted in inconsistent interpretation by port authorities, with BESS at times being categorized as “power banks” and are subjected to higher Basic Customs Duty (BCD). It was requested that distinct HSN codes be introduced for cells, battery packs, BESS and containers to remove ambiguity.

It was informed that a letter from Secy (P) has already been sent to Department of Revenue/ CBIC in this regard. MNRE also informed that the matter has been taken up with DoR for creation of a sub-heading under the HSN battery code to specifically segregate Grid-scale batteries above 1 MWh capacity.

- ii. **Energy Storage Obligations (ESO):** The representative of IESA highlighted that some States are not implementing the Energy Storage Obligation (ESO) in line with the MOP order and requested issuance of a clarification to the States.

With regard to clarification to the States, Additional Secretary (R&R) stated that the Ministry of Power has already issued a notification on Renewable Consumption Obligation, which also covers the consumption of renewable energy through energy storage systems.

- iii. **Tracking ESS Project Progress:** The IESA representative requested the establishment of a quarterly review mechanism by the Ministry of Power to monitor progress of BESS projects.

Additional Secretary (R&R) assured that regular interactions will be held with BESS developers / manufacturers. **(Action: MOP)**

- iv. **Phased and Coordinated Approach on ALBM & MLC:** IESA representative requested MoP to issue orders regarding the Approved List of Battery Manufacturers (ALBM) and mandate Minimum Local Content (MLC) for BESS projects to promote domestic manufacturing and reduce dependence on imports.

It was suggested that manufacturers/IESA provide details on the current level of domestic manufacturing of BESS components and submit a detailed note on MLC to the Ministry of Power. **(Action: IESA)**

- v. **Charging Power for ESS:** The IESA representative highlighted that, under the recent amendment to the GNA Regulations, energy storage systems (ESS) are permitted to seek connectivity during non-solar hours, however, they are required to install Renewable Energy Generating Stations (REGS) exclusively for charging purposes. It was requested that charging power from sources other than RE and RE sources not co-located with ESS, may also be allowed

BESS developers to submit a detailed note on this issue to the Ministry of Power. **(Action: IESA)**

- vi. **Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse Regulations (MOOWR):** IESA representative pointed out that some BESS developers are seeking the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) deferment for the useful life of the BESS project i.e 12 years under the current MOOW Regulations of CBIC, Department of Revenue (DoR). It was observed that DoR/CBIC may issue the clarification related to applicability of MOOW Regulations on BESS projects.

**The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to all participants.**

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**ANNEXURE****LIST OF PARTICIPANTS****Ministry of Power:**

1. Shri Piyush Singh (R&R) .... **in Chair**
2. Shri Hemant Kumar Pandey, Chief Engineer (R&R)
3. Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma, Director (NRE)
4. Shri Vishal Kumar, Under Secretary (NRE)
5. Shri Ramkesh Mali, Section Officer (NRE)
6. Shri Surender Kumar, Section Officer (NRE)

**Ministry of New & Renewable Energy:**

1. Dr. Kuldeep Rana, Scientist-E

**Central Electricity Authority:**

1. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Chief Engineer

**CTUIL**

1. Shri Vikas Bagadia, ED
2. Shri Anil Kumar Meena, CGM

**Grid India Ltd.**

1. Shri Manoj Kumar Aggarwal, ED
2. Shri Anupam Kumar, DGM
3. Mr Suhas Dambhare, CGM

**NTPC**

1. Shri D. Halder, AGM
2. Shri Jai Prakash Patil, AGM-RE Energy

**Industry Representatives who attended Physically**

1. Shri Debmalya Sen, President, IESA

2. Ms. Bindu Madhavi, IESA (through VC)
3. Shri Rakesh Khaitan, CFO, Mahindra Susten
4. Shri Ravi Sinha, DGM-BD&RA, Mahindra Susten
5. Shri Chetan Gunjal, Marketing Manager, Maestro Tech
6. Shri Kumar Rituraj, SPML Infra Ltd.
7. Shri Durgesh Kumar Gupta, Sr. VP, Onward Solar Power
8. Shri Akhilesh Sharma, AGM, Pace Digitech
9. Shri Karunesh Chaturvedi, President, LNJB Group
10. Shri Lokendra Singh Ranawat, Head Regulatory, IndiGrid
11. Shri Kashif Khan, Head-BE, Hindustan Power
12. Shri Ravi Kaushal, GM-BESS, Oriana Power

**Following Industry representatives attended the Meeting virtually**

1. Mukesh Gupta, Bhagwati Products Ltd.
2. MukeshTandon, DDEV Group
3. Rajat Sangwan, ACME Group
4. Rohit Nema, Continuum Energy
5. Bindu Madhavi, IESA
6. Ajay Neelakantan, Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
7. Pavan Kumar Gupta, Juniper Green Energy
8. Rahul Kumar, ACME Group
9. Saurabh Mehta, Mahindra Group
10. Gaurav Gupta, Onward Solar
11. Sandeep Kumar Goel, Adani Group
12. Aniket Tiwari, TERI
13. Brajesh Kumar, Chint Green Energy
14. Rakesh Gopinath, Fourth Partner Energy
15. Sreedhar C, Amara Raja Group
16. Mahesh Kumar Suthar, JSW Group
17. Abhishek Shukla, ReNew Power
18. Sameer Khirpurikar, CES Ltd.
19. Vipul Jain, Onward Solar
20. Gokul Krishnan, Hindustan Power
21. Jyoti Mishra, BEPL
22. Dhananjay Kumar, ENGIE India
23. Ibadur Rehman, CES Ltd.
24. Jiya Yadav, Hindustan Power
25. Vishal Saxena, ENGIE India
26. Aditya Srivastava, Apraava Energy
27. Vipin Dubey, DB Power
28. Subhankar Chakraborty, SPML Infra

29. G Paavalan, Patel Green Energy
30. Dharmendra Gupta, O2 Power
31. Phani Kumar P V S, VSLP Energy
32. Srinivasa Rao S.V., Sai Bioenergy
33. Harshita Srivastava, Apraava Energy
34. Kushal Mangain, Fourth Partner Energy
35. Manu Namboothiri, DB Power
36. Mrigesh Kejriwal, Fourth Partner Energy
37. Shubham Amale, Fourth Partner Energy
38. Ishan Nagpal, Sunsire Energy
39. Vishwajeet Singh, Fourth Partner Energy
40. Rohish Kalvit, H2e Power
41. Shraddha Lotake, Fourth Partner Energy
42. Abhay Bhattad, Rays Power Infra
43. Chaitra Raut, Apraava Energy
44. AsimTripathi, VSLP Energy
45. Naresh Chandak, Energrid
46. Vivek Shukla, Adani Group
47. Divya Gowdar, Fourth Partner Energy
48. Venkata Krishnan, Smart Grid Solutions
49. Naveen Somasundaram, Patel Green Energy
50. Madhu Rejeti, Fourth Partner Energy
51. VIJAY PATIL, Maestro Tech
52. Saurabh Jain, Geon Energy
53. Narendra Kumar, Bhagwati Products Ltd.
54. Nitin Ranga, Essar Renewables
55. Suman Nag, Envision Energy
56. Farrukh Aamir, RPSG Group
57. Roshni Shah, Apraava Energy
58. Akshay Kumar Patel, GreenTech Energy

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