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**नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय / Ministry of New & Renewable Energy**

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Block No.14, C.G.O.Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi-03, Dated **30<sup>th</sup> Oct.2012.**

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer  
Ministry of New & Renewable Energy  
New Delhi -110 003.

**Subject: Additions/Amendments to the on-going scheme on “Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications” being implemented for first phase of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.**

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry’s Administrative Approval (AA) dated 16.06.2010, issued *vide* sanction order of even number dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010 which has amended *vide* subsequent orders of even number dated 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2010, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, No.22/07/2010-11/ST dated 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2011 & 29<sup>th</sup> Feb.2012 and continued during the current financial year 2012-13 *vide* sanction dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for amending the existing provisions in paragraphs 3.2, 5.4 and 11.2 of the aforesaid scheme, in the following manner, for implementation during the remaining period of 2012-13:-

**Amendments:**

The existing para 3.2 in the aforesaid scheme may be amended to read as under:-

***Para 3.2 “Various Off-grid (including provision to connect with grid to export excess power) solar photovoltaic systems applications up to maximum capacity of 100 kWp per system and off-grid – grid and decentralized solar thermal applications to meet / supplement lighting, electricity/ power, heating and cooling energy requirements would be eligible for being covered under the Scheme. For mini-grids for rural electrifications, applications up to maximum capacity of 250 kWp per site would be supported. Connection with grid will not debar from coverage under the Scheme.”***

The existing para 5.4 of the same scheme may be amended to read as under:-

***5.4 “Capital subsidy of 90% of the benchmark cost for SPV power projects having module capacity upto 100 kWp, would be available for special category States, viz. NE, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, remote and difficult areas such as Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and districts on India's international borders. However, for funding solar thermal systems in these areas, the subsidy is limited to 60% for all categories of beneficiaries. The subsidy of 90% of benchmark cost for SPV power plants can be accessed by only State Nodal Agencies(SNAs) / Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for installing Solar PV and Thermal Systems at Educational Institutions, Hospitals, Police stations, Panchayats, Jails, Govt. Guest Houses, Community buildings, Anganwadis, Orphanage and other buildings for social and community use, etc. Procurement will be through open competitive bidding wherever 90% subsidy is availed.***

The existing para 11.2 of the said scheme may also be amended to read as under:-

**11.2 “The use of imported complete PV systems will not be permitted under the scheme. Only indigenously manufactured PV modules will be used in Off-grid projects.”**

The other terms & conditions, guidelines and provisions as mentioned in the sanction order/AA of even number dated 08.07.2010 and the subsequent amendments made from time to time in the scheme on “Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications” would remain same. The amendments made herein above shall come into force with immediate effect and this Addendum may be read as part of this Ministry’s sanction order/AA dated 08.07.2010.

This issues with the approval of competent authority dated 26.10.2012.

Yours faithfully,

**(Prem Chand)**

Under Secretary to the Govt.of India  
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