Subject: Amendment in the Guidelines for implementation of a scheme for setting-up of over 5,000 MW Grid-Connected Solar PV Power Projects with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under Batch-IV of Phase II of the NSM - reg.

This has reference to the Guidelines for Implementation of a scheme for setting up of over 5000 MW Grid-connected SPV power projects under Batch-IV of NSM Phase-II, issued vide this Ministry’s O.M. of No. 32/3/2014-15/GSP dated 14-03-2016. The Guidelines is amended as follows:

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Provided that the solar projects where plants have been set up within the deadline of 24 months, but the formalities for completion could not be completed due to either delay in getting land use change/land ceiling/land lease permissions from the State Government/Authorities or delay in setting...
up of external evacuation system (either by the Solar Parks or State Authorities) which is not the responsibility of Developer, SECI may grant extension beyond 24 months limit for a maximum period of six months in order to ensure such projects do not become unviable. However, such extension for solar plant shall be permitted on following conditions:

i. The solar power plant should have been set up in the 24 months period and should have been commissioned or should be ready for commissioning & supply of power.

ii. Either the power is being fed into the grid or, if power is not being fed into the grid, due to absence of COD, SECI should have physically verified that the plant has been set up and is ready for commissioning & supply of power.

iii. If only part of the plant has been set up, then extension will be given only for the part which has been set up.

Any extension beyond six months will be given by MNRE based on due recommendation of SECI. The PPAs may be considered to be in force from the actual date of CoD. The extension shall not be allowed beyond 24 months for any reasons, other than mentioned above.

2. This issues with the approval of Hon’ble Minister (Power & New and Renewable Energy).

Copy to:
1) PS to Hon’ble Minister (Power & New and Renewable Energy)
2) PPS to Secretary, MNRE
3) PPS to Additional Secretary, MNRE
4) PS to AS & FA, MNRE
5) The Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
6) The Director, NIC Cell, MNRE (With a request to upload the corrigendum on the web-site of MNRE).

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