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CLARIFICATION

Sub: Clarification in respect of domestically manufactured solar PV cell

1. This is in reference to the schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, wherein it is mandatory to use domestically manufactured solar PV cells and domestically manufactured solar PV modules, and also in reference to the Manufacturing-Linked-PPA initiative by Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI).
2. A solar PV cell shall be considered to be domestically manufactured only if the same has been manufactured in India, using undiffused silicon wafer (*generally called 'Black Wafer'*), classifiable under Customs Tariff Head 3818 and all steps / processes required for manufacturing solar PV cell from the undiffused silicon wafer have been carried out in India.
3. If diffused silicon wafer (*generally called 'Blue Wafer'*) is imported and the same is used as raw material for the manufacture of solar PV cells in India, such solar PV cells shall not qualify as domestically manufactured solar PV cells, for the purpose of MNRE's Schemes / Programmes mandating use of domestically manufactured solar PV cells.
4. The solar PV cell manufacturing facility required to be set-up under SECI's Manufacturing-Linked-PPA initiative should manufacture solar PV cells from undiffused wafers, as explained above.
5. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MNRE.


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2. CMD, NTPC,
3. Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries/ (Energy/ Power) of all States / UTs
4. All State Nodal Agencies for Renewable Energy
5. All Discoms
6. Associations of Solar PV Manufacturers
7. Associations of Solar PV Developers
8. Dir (NIC), MNRE, for uploading on MNRE Website

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2. Sr. PPS to Secretary /PPS to AS /Sr. PPS to JS(AKS) /Dir (RG)
3. All Group-Heads & Division-Heads of MNRE