

Dated: 17th April, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Time-Extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of RE Projects considering disruption due to lockdown due to COVID-19

(1). MNRE, vide its O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 20.03.2020, with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, had inter-alia, issued directions to SECI, NTPC and Addl. Chief Secretaries / Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of Power / Energy / Renewable Energy (RE) Departments of State Governments/ UT Govts./ Administrations, to treat delay on account of disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country, as Force Majeure and that they may grant suitable extension of time for projects, on account of coronavirus, based on evidences / documents produced by developers in support of their respective claims of such disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country.

(2). Now, RE developers have represented to this Ministry that they may be granted a general time extension on account of lock down (due to COVID-19) and additional time required for normalization after such lockdown.

(3). This issue has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that:

(a) All Renewable Energy implementing agencies of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) will treat lockdown due to COVID-19, as Force Majeure.

(b) The Renewable Energy implementing agencies may grant extension of time for RE projects, on account of lockdown due to COVID-19, equivalent to the period of lockdown and additional 30 (thirty) days for normalisation after end of such lockdown. Thus, the extension will be for the period of lockdown plus 30 (thirty) days. This will be a blanket extension - there will be no requirement of case to case examination. There will be no need to ask for any evidence for extension due to lockdown.

(c). The State Renewable Energy Departments (including agencies under Power/ Energy Departments of States, but dealing in renewable energy) may also treat lockdown due to COVID-19, as Force Majeure and may consider granting appropriate time extension on account of such lockdown.

(d). The extension on account of disruption in supply of RE equipment prior to lockdown shall be dealt separately for additional Extension of Time as per para 1 above.

(4). This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) (NRE & Power).



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