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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of September, 2020.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy for the month of September, 2020.

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Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

The important events and developments that took place during September, 2020 are summarized as follows:

1. A total of 435.99 MW of Renewable Energy (RE) capacity was added, taking the cumulative installed RE capacity to 89.22 GW as on September 30, 2020. This includes 38.12 GW of Wind capacity, 36.05 GW of Solar capacity, 10.31 GW capacity of Bio-power and 4.74 GW capacity of Small Hydro power. Further, projects of 48.21 GW capacity are at various stages of implementation. Projects of 25.64 GW capacity are under various stages of bidding.

2. An expenditure of Rs. 1710.52 crore has been incurred up to September 30, 2020 which is around 29.73 percent of the total Budget Estimate (BE) for the Ministry for the year 2020-21.

3. Five solar parks of total capacity of 4300 MW were sanctioned under the Ministry’s Solar Parks scheme. These five parks will come up in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

4. A revised list of wind turbine models and manufacturers was issued. Inclusion in this list of models is mandatory for wind turbine models to be installed in projects awarded via Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) by the Ministry’s Implementing Agencies. Also, such inclusion is necessary for duty concessions for import of components for a wind turbine model.

5. The Ministry issued an order on September 23, 2020 to provide for preference for domestic manufacturers in the Renewable Energy (RE) sector in purchases by the Ministry and its organisations. This is in pursuance of the instructions issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

6. An online application portal called BIOURJA was launched. This will enable online filing of applications for registration of projects and Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under the Ministry’s Waste to Energy and Biomass based cogeneration programmes.

7. Expressions of Interest (EOI) were invited for installation of innovative stand-alone solar pumps under the schemes implemented by the Ministry.

8. The National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) initiated a project in Ladakh for collection of wind data. This is in pursuance of Hon’ble Prime Minister vision of a carbon neutral Ladakh. Six wind masts have been transported to the region after the completion of site visits. Installation will be carried out after the receipt of NOCs for land. Also, a team of the Ministry’s officers visited Leh to expedite identification of land for setting up solar power projects. The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
(PGCIL) has been requested to prepare a project report for transmission infrastructure of capacity 10 GW for exporting power from Leh.

9. The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) issued the Letter of Award for 970 MW ISTS connected wind power projects. It also issued a tender for selection of an EPC contractor for 100 MW (AC) Solar PV Project along with 50MW/150 MWh Battery Energy Storage System at Rajnandgaon.

10. The Ministry continued taking steps to improve ease of business. The first batch of cases was decided under the Dispute Resolution Mechanism (DRC). These cases pertained to disputes between RE developers and SECI. The fees for making use of the DRC were reduced. Letters of comfort issued by IREDA were allowed to be used for the purpose of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) required to be made by companies participating in SECI bids.