

F. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR

भारत सरकार / Government of India

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Time Extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of Renewable Energy (RE) Projects considering disruption due to lockdown due to COVID-19: Clarification

1. Reference is invited to this Ministry's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 13.08.2020, wherein, inter-alia, directions were issued to treat lockdown due to COVID-19, as Force Majeure. It was also instructed that all RE projects under implementation as on the date of lockdown, i.e. 25th March 2020, through RE Implementing Agencies designated by the MNRE or under various schemes of the MNRE, shall be given a time extension of 5 (five) months from 25th March 2020 to 24th August 2020. This blanket extension, if invoked by the RE developers, will be given without case to case examination and no documents/evidence will be asked for such extension.
2. Requests were received by MNRE for further extension beyond 5 months on account of COVID-19. The requests have been examined in the Ministry. The MNRE vide its O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 13.08.2020 has already issued instructions for a blanket extension of 5 months on account of COVID-19 without case to case examination and without asking for any documents/evidence. Further extension beyond 5 months can be granted by implementing agencies in exceptional cases, after due diligence and careful consideration of the specific circumstances of the case, and if allowed in terms of the provisions of the relevant contract.
3. It is also emphasized that this further extension beyond 5 months will not be granted in a routine manner.
4. This issues in line with the approval from Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).


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4. Addl. Chief Secretaries / Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of Power / Energy / Renewable Energy Departments of State Governments/ UT Govts./Administrations

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PS to Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power) / Sr. PPS to Secretary, MNRE / Sr. PPS to AS/ JS (AKS)/ JS (BPY) / JS (DDJ)/ JS&FA / All Group Heads and Division Heads in MNRE