F. No. 320/14/2017-NSM
Government of India
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(National Solar Mission Division)

Block-14, CGO Complex
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
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CORRIGENDUM


The undersigned is directed to refer this Ministry’s OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019 and to convey the following corrigendum on the above order:

2. The para (1) (a) (iii) of OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019 may be read as following:

“The solar parks already approved in and after Financial Year 2017-18 under the Phase-II of Solar Park Scheme vide order dated 21-03-2017 shall be completed within two years from the date of issue of in-principle approval or within one year from the issue of the order OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019 whichever is later, failing which the approval for solar park will be cancelled and the Central Grants released under the Scheme will be required to be returned with due interest.”

3. A clause regarding extension of time lines is added as para (1) (a) (iv) to the OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019 as under:

“In both the cases of Phase I and Phase II, extension to the above timelines may be given in extreme cases, where a Solar Power Developer (SPD) has been selected through competitive bidding process, and it has been allotted land in the solar park, provided financial closure of SPD has taken place before expiry of the time limit of the solar park and it is certain that power is going to come from the solar power project to be installed in the solar park. However, time extension would be limited to the extent of capacity for which solar power projects have been tied up accordingly.”

4. A clause regarding recovery of excess release in case of cancellation of park is added as para (1) (a) (v) to the OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019 as under:

“In case, a park is cancelled at any stage and funds have been released as per earlier milestones/timelines, recovery may be made as follows:

i. Adjustment against any other dues pending for the same SPPD

ii. Recovery from lease rent and O&M charges (to be paid by the SPD having solar projects in the Park to SPPD). SPD will remit the same to Government.

iii. By any other means available with MNRE.”
5. The para (1) (c) of OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019 may be read as following: Ministry vide its OM 320/14/2017-NSM dated 22-05-2018 issued order that under Mode-4 (solar park by private entrepreneurs with or without equity participation from the State Government or its agencies), the CFA of Rs. 12 lakh/MW to SPPD may be provided back-ended i.e. after issue of Letter of Award (LOA) of the solar power projects to come in the solar park and as per the milestones mentioned in the Solar Park Scheme dated 21-03-2017 i.e. the SPPD should have achieved both the parameters i.e. the milestones mentioned in the Administrative Guidelines vide order no. 30/26/2014-15/NSM dated 21-03-2017 and LOA for solar power projects should have been issued by SECI/NTPC/MNRE designated agency for setting up of solar power projects.

However, the CFA may be released to the SPPD on achieving the milestones mentioned in the Solar Park Scheme vide order dated 21-03-2017 and upon submission of Bank Guarantee (BG) to SECI equivalent the amount of CFA to be released against each milestone. The BG must be valid till the completion of the solar park and LoA to SPDs with valid Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Upon successful completion of the solar park, the BG would be discharged by SECI to the SPPD. The BG can be encashed by SECI and the amount may be deposited to this Ministry under the following conditions:

i. On failing to achieve the milestones as per the stipulated timelines as mentioned in this Ministry’s OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019;

ii. Failing to provide the facilities inside the solar parks as mentioned at para 1 (b) of this Ministry’s OM no. 320/14/2017-NSM dated 05-02-2019.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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3. Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India, 1st Floor, D-3, A Wing, Prius Platinum Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi – 110017
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5. All State Transmission Utilities of the concerned States

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2. Sr. PPS to Secretary, MNRE
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