

**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**  
**05-02-2019**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Modifications in Scheme for "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Park Scheme"-reg.**


The undersigned is directed to refer to the Guidelines for implementation of Scheme for "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Project" issued vide this Ministry's order no. 30/26/2014-15/NSM dated 21-03-2017 and subsequent modifications dated 22-05-2018, 18-09-2018 and to convey the following modifications under the Solar Park Scheme:

**a) Timelines for development of solar park:**

- (i) All new solar parks approved under the Scheme shall be completed by two years from the date of issues of in-principle approval. The milestones as mentioned in the Scheme for the purpose of release of funds vis-à-vis timelines for achievement of each milestone are as under:

Sl. No.	Milestone	Timelines
1.	Date of issue of in-principle approval	Zero Date
2.	Submission of Detailed Project Report (DPR)	4 months from zero date
3.	Land acquisition (not less than 50% land acquired)	8 months from zero date
4.	Financial Closure	11 months from zero date
5.	Award of work for pooling stations	14 months from zero date
6.	Receipt of material on site for pooling stations	17 months from zero date
7.	Completion of construction of pooling stations & land development	24 months from zero date

- (ii) The solar parks already approved during the Financial Years 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 under the Phase-I of Solar Park Scheme vide order dated 12-12-2014 shall be completed by one year from the date of issue of this order, failing which the approval for solar park will be canceled and the Central Grants already released under the Scheme will be required to be returned with due interest.
- (iii) The solar parks already approved in and after Financial Year 2017-18 under the Phase-II of Solar Park Scheme vide order dated 21-03-2018 shall be completed



by two years and six months from the date of issues of in-principle approval; failing which the approval for solar park will be canceled and the Central Grants released under the Scheme will be required to be returned with due interest.

**b) Essential responsibilities of Solar Power Park Developer (SPPD):**

In addition to the activities to be performed by the SPPDs as mentioned in the Solar Park Scheme vide order dated 21-03-2017, the following activities are the essential responsibilities of the SPPD:

- i) Acquisition of land;
- ii) Getting land related all clearances and plotting of land;
- iii) Developing approach road to the solar park and access road to each plot;
- iv) Developing internal transmission system and maintaining it;
- v) Making arrangement to connect to the grid i.e. ISTS or State Transmission Network;
- vi) Flood mitigation measures like flood discharge, internal drainage etc;
- vii) Required power during construction;
- viii) Telecommunication facilities;
- ix) Providing water supply (minimum essential quantity i.e. 5-6 KL /MW/ wash). In every 50 MW, the SPPD will provide one water point and the further water distribution grid will be developed by the SPDs as per the layout (technical design) of the allotted project.

**c) Release of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to SPPD under Mode-4:**

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<sup>st</sup> March, 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, as per direction, 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. 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 in this order;
- ii) Failing to provide the facilities inside the solar parks as mentioned above.



2. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister, New and Renewable Energy.



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- 2) **All Solar Power Park Developers** (SPPDs)
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- 5) **All State Transmission Utilities** of the concerned States

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- 4) PS to Adviser (NSM)