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

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Block-14, C.G.O. Complex, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi, Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Penalties for violation of norms of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) under Solar PV power projects under MNRE's Schemes / Programmes.**

The Government of India, through the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has been encouraging domestic manufacturers of Solar PV cells and modules, by way of a policy of Domestic Content Requirement, wherever permitted by WTO.

However, apprehensions have been raised that the policy may be misused by way of mis-declaration and imported solar cells and modules may be used in DCR projects instead of domestically produced cell and modules.

In order to avoid misuse of policy, it has been decided that with respect to solar PV power projects under MNRE's Schemes/ Programmes, where Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) has been mandated in a WTO compliant manner, the following actions shall be taken by MNRE or any agency acting on behalf of MNRE for violation of DCR provisions prescribing use of domestically produced cells and modules.

1. Filing of criminal case under IPC 420 & related sections.
2. Blacklisting of developer for period of 10 years.
3. Forfeiting of relevant Bank Guarantee(s).
4. Disciplinary case against the officers of concerned CPSU/State Govt.
5. Any other action, in addition to those above.

**This issues, with the approval of MoS (I/C) (Power & NRE).**



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**To**

1. **The Managing Director**, Solar Energy Corporation of India, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, D-3, A Wing, Religare Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110 017 (*with a request to forward this O.M. to all the CPSUs/ Govt. Organisations implementing solar projects with domestic content requirement under MNRE Scheme and other concerned stakeholders*)
2. **The Chairman & Managing Director**, NTPC Ltd., NTPC Bhawan, Scope Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003.

**Copy to:**

1. All the Divisions of MNRE dealing with solar power (*with a request to forward this O.M. to the concerned stakeholders w.r.t. the Schemes/ Programmes being implemented by them*).
2. Director (NIC), MNRE, for uploading on MNRE website.

**Copy for information to:**

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister, NRE
2. PPS to Secretary
3. PPS to Additional Secretary
4. All Joint Secretaries/ Economic Adviser/Group Heads
5. DG, NISE
6. All Division Heads