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Government of India
Ministry of Power
(NRE Section)

Shram Shakti Bhawan,
Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001,
Dated the 10th November, 2026

To,

CMD, NTPC/ CMD, NHPC/ CMD, SJVN/ MD, SECI

Subject: **Permitting Intra-State connectivity of ISTS-tendered Renewable Energy Projects supplying power to procurers within the same State – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the representation received from the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) requesting that Renewable Energy (RE) projects, for which bids have been invited by Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (REIAs) on an ISTS-connected basis, be permitted to connect to the State Transmission Utility (STU)/Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS), where the RE project and the procuring entity/DISCOM are located within the same State.

2. The matter has been examined and it is noted that connecting the RE project to InSTS would, generally, result in transmission cost optimisation and also benefit the procurer. Therefore, this Ministry agrees with the proposal.

3. It is also noted that the Intra-State procurement of power is governed by the regulatory provisions of the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs). Accordingly, where the RE project and the procurer are located within the same State, approval of the concerned SERC/JERC for the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)/Power Sale Agreement (PSA) for such InSTS connected RE procurement may be obtained.

4. In future, suitable provisions should be made in the bidding documents to enable connection to InSTS, where the RE generation and the procurer are in the same State.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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