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Sub: Request your kind intervention and resolution of key issues related to transmission connectivity and related matters.

Den Shri Chaturvedi,

Greetings from Solar Power Developers Association.

This is in reference to the monthly meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary MNRE on 10th December 2020, where we discussed the issues faced by Solar Power Developers on matters regarding transmission connectivity, which are as follows:

- 1. Greater role of MNRE in matters related to transmission.
- 2. Involvement of State Transmission Agencies in transmission planning.
- 3. Alignment of LTA start date in line with revised SCOD in case of extension granted by SECI/NTPC/Discom.
- 4. Permission to change the location of project and connectivity without any penalty.
- 5. Frequency of meetings of Regional Standing Committee / National Committee meetings.
- 6. Flexibility in the operationalisation of LTA
- 7. Penalty in form Transmission charge in case of delay in commissioning of RE Projects
- 8. Exemption from the penalty in case of relinquishment of LTA in case unforeseen circumstance
- 9. Change in conditions for release of Bank Guarantee.
- 10. Flexibility in LTA Capacity for innovative tenders like Hybrid / RTC.
- 11. Rationalization of Bank Guarantees (BG) against Connectivity (R-CONN BG) and LTA (CON BG Construction Phase BG) and exemptions from the opening of LC against ISTS Losses & Charges

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- 12. The discrepancy between equity lock-in clause between Bidding Guidelines and CERC Regulation on transmission connectivity.
- 13. Concerns over Fatehgarh-III PS Scheme.
- 14. Concerns over additional 6 GW Fatchgarh-III PS (Expansion) Scheme.

The above mentioned points have been explained in <u>detailed note</u> for your reference. We look forward to your kind support in the matter.

Thanking you.

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Yours Sincerely,

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