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To,
Shri R K Singh
Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C)
for Power & New and Renewable Energy
Government of India
New Delhi

Sub: Request for expeditious processing of DRC cases that is presently extremely slow.

Dear Sir,

SPDA conveys its sincere thanks to MNRE for introducing the Dispute Resolution Mechanism (DRM), which was intended towards faster settlements of contractual disputes. However, we would like to bring to your kind notice the two key issues that Solar Power Developers are facing with the DRM process.

1. Slow pace of processing: It saddens us to bring it to your kind notice that while the processing of Disputed cases has become faster at DRC, the processing in the MNRE has been extremely slow. It has been brought to our notice that in some dispute cases where DRC has sent their recommendations in October and November 2020, the processing is still pending with MNRE, and hence, despite core purpose of DRMs is defeated.

It is requested that a review of cases may be done at your level so that goal of the creation of DRC is achieved and developers get the necessary financial relief that is needed imminently.

2. Modifications to the DRC recommendations: It may kindly be noted that DRC gives its recommendations after allowing the developers to present their case. These recommendations are given after due diligence and following the principle of natural justice. Hence, the Ministry should accept the recommendations of DRC without any modifications.



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Thereby, we request that if for any reason, MNRE decides to modify the original recommendation of DRC, which impacts the developers adversely, it is suggested that the necessary opportunity of hearing should be given to the concerned Developers to represent their case before the Ministry.

We look forward to your favourable consideration in the matter.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Praveen Golash

Joint Secretary, SPDA