


**F. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR**  
भारत सरकार / Government of India  
**नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)**  
ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003  
**Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Time Extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of Renewable Energy (RE) Projects considering disruption due to lockdown due to COVID-19: Clarification**

1. Reference is invited to this Ministry's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 13.08.2020, providing for a blanket extension for RE projects on account of COVID-19. Vide subsequent clarification of even no. dated 09.02.2021, it was clarified that further extension beyond 5 months can be granted by implementing agencies in exceptional cases, after due diligence and careful consideration of the specific circumstances of the case, and if allowed in terms of the provisions of the relevant contract. Reference is also invited to Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 18/4/2020-PPD dated 13.05.2020, which provides for an extension of 3 to 6 months after following due process.
2. The undersigned is directed to further clarify that the total extension provided by implementing agencies on account of COVID-19 should in no case be more than 6 months including the 5 months blanket extension given by this Ministry vide its O.M. of 13.08.2020.
3. In case an implementing agency feels that there is a requirement to give extension beyond 6 months, it shall make a reference for consideration of this Ministry with due justification and supporting documents. No such extension shall be granted by the implementing agencies on their own.
4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).



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4. Addl. Chief Secretaries / Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of Power / Energy / Renewable Energy Departments of State Governments/ UT Govts./ Administrations

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