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**To,  
Shri Amitesh Sinha  
Joint Secretary**

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy  
Government of India  
New Delhi 110001

**Subject: Request for time extension of 97.5 MW Rooftop Project.**

Dear Sir,

Greetings from Solar Power Developers Association.

On behalf of the SPDA members, we write in regard to the LOA issued to a few of our SPD members under the SECI 97.5MW Rooftop scheme for Govt. buildings. As you are aware, the scheme deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and developers have been requesting for extension of the timeline to complete projects but not yet got any positive response from SECI and MNRE.

It may please be noted that the situation due to COVID-19 is still very fragile and all developers had put lot of efforts and their personnel at great risk in getting the PPAs signed in the last 8-9 months. However, on-site execution couldn't happen on time due to challenges faced by developers beyond their control. If this scheme doesn't go through then it will jeopardise the capacity addition in rooftop segment, as rooftop projects are anyways facing various regulatory challenges across all states and India is way behind the target capacity.

Till now approximately, approx. 50MW of PPAs have been signed across India with over 150 Govt clients which itself is a big milestone and a showcase opportunity of the government. In case these projects don't get executed, it will lead to an investment loss of over INR 180 Cr mainly to MSME companies that are already under huge financial stress and needs support and handholding by the Government in these un-precedented critical situation. Moreover, rooftop projects create over 20 jobs per MW compared to 4 jobs in utility- scale projects. So approximately, this will result in a job loss of 800-1000 skilled and unskilled workforce.

In view of above stated, we request your kind support on the matter and grant us an extension for a three month period to complete/ achieve SCOD of the signed contracts.

We look forward to your favorable consideration in the matter.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely

Ravi Verma  
Member-Governing Council (SPDA)