

**Issues for discussion with Secretary, MNRE for Meeting
with Solar Developers on Nov 4, 2020**

S.No.	Issue	To be presented by
1	<p>State DISCOMs still not opened LC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In August 2019, MNRE notified that power dispatch will not happen if LC is not opened. Some State like Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka not yet opened LC 	Ketan Mehta
2	<p>Revision of quantity of tracker for solar projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantity of tracker for solar projects needs to be revised upwards as current norm of 43 MT/MW AC side is not sufficient and it should be 43 MT/MW on DC side. 	Manish Khanna
3	<p>Request MNRE to publish schedule of future bids</p>	Sunil Jain
4	<p>MNRE to postpone the Implementation of ALMM</p>	Sunil Jain
5	<p>NGT order on CTU substations in Fatehgarh area, Rajasthan will impact readiness of evacuation system and commissioning schedule</p>	Kishor Nair
6	<p>Payment of SGD to custom authority without interest.</p> <p>Customs Authority should accept SGD paid by SPDs without interest, as CERC not yet approved carrying cost and matter still sub-judice.</p>	Kishor Nair
7	<p>Minimum Land requirement to be reduced for New Technology</p> <p>As per RfS the land requirement is 1.5 Hectare per MW but with advancement in technologies especially with Mono PERC the land requirement has come down significantly. Therefore, MNRE to advise SECI for lowering down land as a compliance condition at the time of financial closure.</p>	Deepak Gupta

Past Issues: Status requested from MNRE

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1	Update on the awaited-on MOP's notification pertaining to PGCIL related extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTA Start Date/ commissioning timelines should be aligned to the extended PPA SCDs. Extension of Stage-II Connectivity (24 month) timelines should also be in line with the extended PPA SCD given under PPA by the intermediary/ end procurer
2	Expedite member (law) appointment in CERC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGD and GST refund process due to this are still at standstill. To find an interim path, it is requested to disburse 50% of payment pending decision. Appointment of member law on urgent basis as all matters are stuck with CERC no functioning.
3	Outstanding dues and long pending monthly bills by Telangana DISCOMs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to delay in release of outstanding payments by Telangana state DISCOMs, developers are grappling with severe financial crisis and facing hardships in debt servicing, O&M and even the payment of salaries. Telangana state DISCOMs to be advised to issue GOI announced special economic financial package of INR 90,000 crores specifically meant for addressing the issue of delayed payments.
4	Transfer of connectivity in transmission regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51% shareholding to be allowed in transmission regulation in line with RFS/PPA and transfer of connectivity to SPV from holding company immediately after signing of PPA.
5	Extension to be allowed on large number of PSA that are pending for approval by state DISCOMs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with state Discoms to expedite the matter Request expediting Power Purchase approval and PSA to clear PPA signing Auctioned projects of around 16 GW capacity currently do not have signed PPA due to delay in Power Procurement Approval /PSA approval.
6	Amendment in the BOM approval procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of BOM by MNRE for CCDC requires possession of 100% land. As SBG guideline have been relaxed for land documentation, BOM approval procedure should be changed.
7	Grandfathering of Safeguard Duty and proposed BCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPDA has suggested a formula for refund of SGD/ BCD under 'Change in law'.

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8	Andhra Pradesh: Deduction in payments and other issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP is deducting money from monthly bills w.r.t. DC overloading capacity. Request MNRE to resolve the issue and expedite payment from AP Discoms
9	Andhra Pradesh: Kadappa Solar Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay in land allotment in Kadappa Solar park to successful bidders (in SECI bid). Land amount already paid to Solar Park Developer.
10	Tariff Discount on energy billing by Punjab DISCOM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% Tariff deduction in the energy invoices for April-May 2020 and PSPCL has not recorded meter readings for the 1st week of April 2020.
11	Rs. 90,000 Cr Discom relief package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We understand that the PFC / REC has released the amount against the package. Clarification on payment mechanism of pending bills of RE developers
12	Land tax of Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand notice issued by state for land tax @ INR 2/ sq. m.
13	Lack of clarity/visibility reg. available of connectivity and proposed locations of new sub stations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to have firm commissioning schedule of transmission system to meet the bidding plan. While there has been significant improvement in the SECI-PGCIL coordination and information dissemination, yet some issues there remains some lag in certain critical pieces like – Available Connectivity at 220 kV level at Fatehgarh-III. Standing Committee meeting to be held on monthly basis.
14	Amendment in BOM Procedure to enable C&I projects for RPO obligated entities to access ISTS connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connectivity Procedure allows only LOAs issued by SECI/NTPC/REIAs. PPAs signed with RPO obligated entities C&I developers should be allowed. Request for reduction in LTA relinquishment charges.