

**F. No. 283/26/2021-GRID SOLAR-Part(1)**

भारत सरकार / Government of India

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

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Dated: 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**


Reference is invited to issues arising out of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 19.04.2021 (in I.A. No. 85618/2020 in W. P. No. 838 of 2019) regarding undergrounding of transmission lines in habitats of Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in Rajasthan and Gujarat, and the relief sought by Industry in this regard.

2. This Ministry has filed an I.A. in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, jointly on behalf of MNRE, M/o Power and M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on 17.11.2021 contesting the aforesaid order dated 19.04.2021. It has been inter-alia prayed that Hon'ble Supreme Court may allow high voltage and extra high voltage lines i.e. 66 kV and above power lines in Priority GIB Habitat to be laid as overhead power lines with installation of appropriate mitigation measures like bird diverters and laying of overhead transmission lines in future outside the Priority area with installation of appropriate bird diverters. The matter is yet to be decided by Hon'ble Supreme Court. This situation has caused uncertainty among RE developers with regard to the action they are required to take.

3. In view of above, the undersigned is directed to inform MNRE's RE Implementing Agencies (REIAs), that for all under implementation RE projects where REIA is the intermediary procurer and for which the transmission infrastructure lies wholly or partly in the priority or potential area; the project land has been procured and the project commissioning is delayed due to non-completion of project transmission infrastructure on account of the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Scheduled Date of Commissioning is hereby extended to a date which is 30 days after the date of judgement by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the IA filed by MNRE.

4. The above relief is for facilitating RE project development and shall not be taken for any other purpose, including for claiming IDC or for termination of PPA. REIAs are requested to accord requisite extension of Scheduled Date of Commissioning keeping in view the above.

5. This issues with approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).

  
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