

**No.336/64/2015-NSM
Government of India
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**

Block 14, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
NEW DELHI-110003
12th January 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification in respect of Domestic Content Requirement under the National Solar Mission.

This is in continuation of this Ministry's letter No.336/74/2017-NSM dated 11th December 2017 on the above subject, wherein it was directed that in view of WTO ruling in case No.DS456, no new projects will be taken up with DCR provisions under the Developer Mode. It was also suggested that before tendering projects with DCR content, this Ministry may be informed.

2. The undersigned is further directed to refer to various guidelines and clarifications issued under various schemes being implemented by this Ministry under the National Solar Mission and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) entered into in respect of various projects. It is hereby clarified that since all the PPAs obligate the solar project developers to maintain an annual capacity utilisation factor and as there is no clause mandating the replacement of solar cells/solar modules in the projects implemented under the DCR category with the solar cell/modules from the domestic market, it would be open for the solar power developer to replace the defective cells/modules on the basis of open competition.

3. This shall be applicable to all existing and future projects implemented under the National Solar Mission and to all PPAs that have already been executed or may be in the process of finalization and execution, as well as any future PPAs that are executed under and pursuant to or as a consequence of the National Solar Mission.

4. This issues with the approval of Honourable Minister.



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Adviser(NSM)

To

1. CMD, NTPC
2. MD, SECI
3. CEO, NVVN
4. All concerned

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