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No.F.4(26)/2015/EE&REM/Solar/3985-

Dated: 09.12.2015

Minutes of the Meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD, on 30.11.2015 at 5.30 P.M. regarding discussions on comments received on draft Solar Policy

The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure 'A'.

Shri K.K. Sharma, Chief Secretary, Dellhi, welcomed all the participants from various organizations/ departments and said that this Solar Policy is a very good initiative and cooperation and coordination among various departments is required to make it succeed. He requested all the departments, particularly Municipal Corporations, Urban Development Department, Environment Department and the DERC to work jointly towards success of the Solar Policy. Since the Sun is a sustainable and environmental friendly source of energy, long-term benefits can be achieved by tapping its energy.

1. Chief Secretary said that the proposed Solar Policy is very progressive and requested DERC that it may work on these progressive regulations for the benefit of the citizens of Delhi.

Representatives of DERC informed that they are willing to work on these progressive aspects of the policy in association with Department of Power.

Para No.12 of the Draft Policy

- 2. Environment Department informed that sufficient amount can be easily earmarked from the available Air Ambience Fund for providing Generation Based Incentive (GBI).
- 3. It was enquired from Municipal Corporations, NDMC and DDA on exemptions of Electricity Tax, Conversion charges and Building By-laws amendments.

Para No.13 (1) of the Draft Policy

(a) The representatives of Municipal Corporations said the exemption on Electricity Tax @ 5% being charged will affect the revenue of Corporations which are already facing financial crunch.

Para No.13 (3) of the Draft Policy

(b) <u>Exemption on conversion charges</u> – The representatives of Municipal Corporations clarified that residential building having solar panels on terrace is not treated as commercial.

Para No.13.9 of the Draft Policy

(c) <u>Amendment in Building By-laws</u> – The representatives of the Municipal Corporations clarified that solar panels are not counted in the height of building upto 3.0 M as per the provisions of Building By-laws, 1983.

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (TPDDL) said that this exemption of height may be raised to 4 meters from 3 meters time on various commercial & industrial buildings super structure is required to hold the solar panels. DUAC may be requested for the same.

Para No.13.9 (b) of the Draft Policy

(d) The representatives of the Municipal Corporations stated that no approval for installing solar energy plant is required from the Municipal Corporations or the DDA.

Para No.13.9 (c) of the Draft Policy

- (e) Regarding proposal to treat the solar panels and supporting structure as temporary structure, they informed that no permission of Municipal Corporation is required for the same since the requirement of permission of the Municipal Corporation does not depend upon the nature of structure either temporary or permanent. The Corporation also informed that Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) has prepared a draft Unified Building By-laws for Delhi, 2015, which is being finalized and use of solar energy has been included in its Chapter-10 with following mandatory provisions: -
- (i) The solar assisted water heating system has been made mandatory for the buildings having plot area above 105 Sqm and up to 3000 Sqm.
- (ii) The installation of solar photovoltaic panels and low energy consumption lighting fixtures have been made mandatory for the plots having area more than 3000 Sqm.
- (iii) As per provisions of MPD-2021, the incentive at ground coverage and FAR upto 5% may be given to the buildings having the provisions of Rain Water Harvesting System, recycling use of water, solar heating system etc.

- 4. Secretary (Power) said that making solar water heater mandatory may not serve the purpose, since it is useful only for a small part of the year, solar water heater is not efficient utilization of solar power. Therefore, we may request DUAC to make it at least solar water heater/ solar PV plants in the new policy directions. A letter in this regard is to be written to DUAC.
- 5. The representatives of Discoms said that they are willing to contribute in the generation and distribution of solar energy. However, while distributing the same, it will be in the interest of consumers if priority is given to areas where the distribution system is overloaded. It was agreed that distribution companies will provide the list of such overloaded areas to EE & REM Centre of the Power Department for further necessary action at their end.
- 6. It was announced in the meeting that the Draft Solar Policy was uploaded on the website of Delhi Government (Power Department) http://delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit power/Power/Home/EEREM, in September, 2015 and comments of all were invited. Comments on the Draft Policy have been received online as well as offline. Their comments along with the Power Department's views have also been uploaded on 30.11.2015. The participants were requested to furnish further comments, if any, on the Draft Policy by 14.12.2015. The Department of Power welcomed the comments whether received online, offline or through post/mail.

7. The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.

(R.K. SRIVASTAVA) EXECUTIVE OFFICER (EE & REM)

Encl: <u>As above</u> <u>ALL PARTICIPANTS</u>

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