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Subject: Guidelines for Village Electrification through Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in the XI Plan- Scheme of Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification.

Guidelines for Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in the XI Plan were issued vide Order No. 44/1/2007-RE dated the 12.01.2009. Guidelines were modified vide order dated 05.01.2001 and 17.03.2011.

2. The Empowered Group of Officers constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in pursuance of the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Security inter alia, have the mandate to over-ride or modify existing norms/guidelines relating to various development programmes and Flagship Scheme in respect of 60 IAP districts. The Empowered Group reviewed the status of electrification under RGGVY and the steps required for speedier development of these Integrated Action Plan (IAP) districts and also noted that work are in progress under RGGVY scheme to connect villages to the Grid but difficulties are being experienced in energisation and providing electricity for the assured duration of 6- 8 hours.

3. Empowered Group felt that for some category of villages DDG guidelines need modification to facilitate further development of 60 LWE districts. Ministry of Power in accordance of the decision of the Empowered Group of Offices constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, has decided to amend Para 3.0 of the Guidelines for Village Electrification through Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs.

4. Para 3.0 of DDG guidelines would be as below:

Decentralized Distributed Generation can be from conventional or renewable sources such as Biomass, Biofuels, Biogas, Mini Hydro, Solar etc. for villages where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective.

If Project Developer decides to set up a DDG Plant for capacity more than required for that village then excess available capacity may be fed into the nearby grid. However, the amount of subsidy available shall be limited to the project capacity required for feeding electricity to that villages. The cost of excess capacity and the cost of transmission system for feeding to the grid shall be borne by the project developer.

Provided that in case of Left Wing Extremism affected districts as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs, DDG can also be implemented in following category of villages:

(a) Where the infrastructure for electrification was developed but could not be energized due to issues relating to the backward connectivity of the grid such as non-availability of land for sub-stations, inadequate transformation capacity in the sub-stations and where the capacity cannot be enhanced in near future.

(b) Where the energisation is not likely to take place due to pending statutory clearance like those from Ministry of Environment & Forests, etc.

(c) Where the work have been sanctioned under RGGVY but not taken up so far or works have stopped due to various local/long standing problems of a serious nature.

(d) Where infrastructure has been created for the grid connectivity but where availability of power is far less than the stipulated 6 to 8 hours as mandated under RGGVY.

In case the existing distribution infrastructure is available, only the generation component under DDG scheme would be taken up thereby avoiding duplication of expenditure for distribution infrastructure.

5. It is requested that it may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

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