

The projects which have obtained infrastructure clearance under the earlier policies will get the benefits mentioned under the then prevailing policy, notwithstanding any other provisions stated elsewhere in this policy.

3.7. It is expected that in the direct employment given in the projects under this policy, 80% of unskilled workers and 50% of semi-skilled /skilled workers should be selected from within the gram panchayat area in which the project is located. The project developer / project holder should make arrangement to impart proper training to the unskilled workers to make them skilled workers. It is expected that at least one person from the family providing land for such projects should be given preference in the direct employment.

3.8. It is expected that 2% of the total profit made by the project developer / project holder of the bagasse / agricultural waste based co-generation power project should be utilised for work under social responsibility. Such funds should be used primarily for development works within the local gram panchayat area, such as water supply schemes, health services, and establishment of schools and non-conventional energy applications. After providing appropriate facilities at the local gram panchayat, the development in the area of nearby gram panchayat should be taken up.

3.9. The infrastructure clearance for the bagasse / agricultural waste based cogeneration power projects under this policy will be given by MEDA.

3.10. Government Resolution no. NCE-2014/C.R.144/Energy-7 dated 30/08/2014 in respect of bagasse / agricultural waste based co-generation power projects is hereby superseded by this government resolution.

4. Small Hydro Power Projects:-

There is a large potential for generation of additional electricity from small hydro power projects. This includes giving encouragement to projects up to 25MW which are to be developed by private developers through the Water Resources Department. for this purpose all such projects up to 25 MW are included in this policy.

4.1 There is a large potential for generation of electricity from small hydro power projects in the state. In this context, 400 MW capacity of small hydro power projects of capacity up to 25 MW will be targeted for coverage under this policy.

4.2 It will be necessary for the project developers of small hydro power projects to sell power primarily to any distribution licensee in the state for fulfilling the Renewable Purchase Obligation at a preferential tariff fixed by MERC. After fulfilment of Renewable Purchase Obligation of the distribution licensee, the project developers will have the option of captive use or third party sale within or outside the state. The option of Renewable Energy Certificate mechanism will also be available.

4.3. Evacuation Arrangement:

4.3.1. Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL) / Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (MSEDCL) and the project developer will carry out joint survey for LV, HV and EHV sub-stations and for the required transmission and distribution lines for these projects.

4.3.2. The project developer will undertake, with own expenditure, the erection work of LV, HV and EHV sub-stations as well as laying of transmission and distribution lines required for the project in line with the technical specifications and estimates approved by MSETCL / MSEDCL and the work will be done under their supervision.

4.3.3. The evacuation arrangement would also include the strengthening or modification of existing sub-stations and transmission / distribution lines.

4.3.4. The evacuation arrangement would include the 11 KV and above lines from the project site to be connected to LV, HV and EHV sub-stations.

4.3.5. Expenditure on evacuation arrangement: The amount of expenditure on evacuation arrangement payable as financial assistance from the green cess fund will be the amount as per the estimate approved by MSETCL / MSEDCL or as per the expenditure actually incurred, and verified by the MSETCL / MSEDCL, whichever amount is less.

4.3.6. The project developer/ The project holder as per availability of funds will be given financial assistance by MEDA as reimbursement from the green cess fund upto a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project for expenditure made on evacuation arrangement.

4.3.7. The financial assistance will be released only after the evacuation arrangement is handed over to MSETCL / MSEDCL and upon approval of expenditure on evacuation arrangement by MSETCL / MSEDCL.

4.4. Capital Subsidy:

4.4.1. A capital subsidy of Rs. 50,000 per kW of generation capacity, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project will be given from green cess fund, by MEDA.

4.4.2. The capital subsidy from the green cess fund will be released to the project developer / project holder only after the commissioning certificate is issued by MSEDCL and upon submission of certificate in respect of transmission of electricity from MSETCL/MSEDCL as per availability of funds.

4.5. Electricity duty will not be levied for the first 10 years in respect of the small hydro power projects established under this policy for captive use.

4.6. The State Electricity Regulatory Commission will factor in the incentives provided under this policy while working out the tariff for small hydro power projects.

4.7. The project developer/ project holder will be granted infrastructure clearance by MEDA for availing benefits under this policy.

4.8. It is expected that in the direct employment given in the projects under this policy, 80% of unskilled workers and 50% of semi-skilled /skilled workers should be selected from within the gram panchayat area in which the small hydro power project is located. The project developer / project holder should make arrangement to impart proper training to the unskilled workers to make them skilled workers. It is expected that at least one person from the family providing land for such projects should be given preference in the direct employment.

4.9. It is expected that 2% of the total profit made by the project developer / project holder of the small hydro power project should be utilised for work under social responsibility. Such funds should be used primarily for development works within the local gram panchayat area, such as water supply schemes, health services, and establishment of schools and non-conventional energy applications. After providing appropriate facilities at the local gram panchayat, the development in the area of nearby gram panchayat should be taken up.

4.10. Government Resolution no.NCE-2014/C.R.144/Energy-7 dated 30/08/2014 in respect of small hydro power projects is hereby superseded by this government resolution.