

Annexure – C

Methodology for Small Hydro Power Projects

This methodology is applicable to the small hydro power projects included in the composite policy for new and renewable (non-conventional energy sources) power projects dated 20th July 2015. The policy prescribes a target of 400 MW in respect of small hydro power projects.

1. The small hydro power projects are being approved by the Water Resources Department and the policy of that department will also be applicable for these projects.
2. Infrastructure Clearance –

After receipt of grid connectivity consent / permission from MSETCL / MSEDCL in respect of small hydro power project, the project developer shall furnish the following documents, duly attested, to MEDA for obtaining infrastructure clearance –

- a) Grid connectivity consent / permission received from MSETCL/MSEDCL
- b) Detailed Project Report (DPR)
- c) Project approval letter from the respective design office
- d) Hydro Power Development Agreement with Water Resource Department
- e) Notarized undertaking/commitment letter as prescribed by MEDA

2.1 The Infrastructure Clearance will be given upto the limit of the target of 400 MW prescribed under this policy.

2.2 Infrastructure Clearance fee –

The project developer/project holder shall pay a sum of Rs. 1 lakh per MW (as per installed capacity) as Infrastructure Clearance fee to MEDA. The demand draft should be in the name of Maharashtra Energy Development Agency payable at Pune.

After receipt of proposal with necessary documents and the requisite fee for getting Infrastructure Clearance from the project developer / project holder for the small hydro power project, the proposal will be scrutinised by MEDA office.

Accordingly if all necessary documents are received and the proposal is complete in all respects, the Infrastructure Clearance will be issued to the project developer by MEDA office after approval from the Hon. Chairman, MEDA.

2.3 The provisions of the methodology dated 14-07-2010 will be applicable to the small hydro power projects which have obtained Infrastructure Clearance as per renewable energy policy dated 14.10.2008 and 30.08.2014. It is not necessary for such projects to obtain Infrastructure Clearance again under this policy.

3. Commissioning of Projects –

The project developers / project holders shall submit the project commissioning certificate of the respective distribution licensee to MEDA. A note will be taken in MEDA office records of the commissioning of the project.

4. It shall be necessary for the project developers/project holders to submit yearly (financial year-wise) electricity generation report, duly certified by SLDC, to MEDA.

5. The project developer shall fulfil all legal and statutory requirements before and after implementing the small hydro power project. Further it shall be necessary for them to get approvals, consent and no-objection certificates for the project directly from the respective departments and to abide by the rules and regulations of such departments. The entire responsibility in this context will be that of the project developers. The project developers / project holders will have to submit undertaking / undertakings, as prescribed by MEDA, to this effect.

6. Expenses on evacuation arrangement –

For the purpose of financial assistance for the evacuation arrangement the amount of the estimated cost approved by the MSETCL / MSEDCL and of the certified actual expenditure from MSETCL/MSEDCL, whichever is less, shall be considered, which will be subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project.

6.1 Financial Assistance –

The project developer / project holder, who is expected set up evacuation arrangement at own expense, will be given financial assistance by MEDA from the green cess fund, as per availability, upto a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project, by way of reimbursement. This reimbursement will be given as per availability of funds after the evacuation arrangement is handed over to the respective distribution licensee / transmission company.

7. Capital subsidy –

The small hydro power projects under this policy will be eligible to get capital subsidy of Rs.50,000 per kW, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per project.

7.1 The capital subsidy for the project will be disbursed after the project is commissioned, and the energy wheeled is certified by the respective distribution licensee. The subsidy will be disbursed by MEDA from the green cess fund as per its availability.

8. The provisions relating to employment and social responsibility are applicable to the small hydro power projects under this policy. The project developer / project holder will submit the information on action taken in this regard to the local Gram Panchayat every year (financial year). The compiled information of the district will be submitted every year to MEDA by the concerned Zilla Parishad.