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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for National Security Clearance for Solar/Wind/Hybrid Projects in Border Areas.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's OM of even no. dated 05.06.2026 and to enclose herewith a copy of Guidelines for National Security Clearance for Solar/Wind/Hybrid Projects in Border Areas.

Encl : As above.



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- (i) ✓ PSO to Home Secretary.
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Guidelines for obtaining National Security Clearance for Solar/Wind Projects in Border Areas.

1. Objective

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is receiving numerous applications regarding the suitability of setting up various solar, wind and hybrid energy projects in border areas, which may have national security implications. Therefore, taking into account national security perspective as also keeping in mind the ease of doing business in consultation and consensus with all stakeholders, an uniform transparent guidelines for national security clearance is being prescribed for solar, wind and hybrid energy projects in border areas.

2. Jurisdiction of the Guidelines

These guidelines will apply to all solar, wind and hybrid power projects proposed in sensitive areas along the Line of Control (LOC)/Line of Actual Control (LAC)/International Border.

Note: It is clarified that all projects that have already received security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs prior to the issuance of these guidelines will not be required to re-apply under these guidelines. Similarly, applicants who have already received a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Defense for their project will not be required to re-apply under these guidelines.

3. Definitions:

In these guidelines:

- (a) **"Sensitive Area"** shall mean those areas within 50 kilometers (km) from the Line of Control (LOC)/Line of Actual Control (LAC)/International Border. This area includes the Line of Control (LOC)/Line of Actual Control (LAC)/within 20 km from the international border, for which a separate No Objection Certificate (NOC) will be required from the Ministry of Defence.

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(b) "Restricted Area" shall mean areas within 1 km of the Line of Control (LOC)/Line of Actual Control (LAC)/International Border.

(c) "Project Area" shall mean the areas allotted by the concerned State Government for solar, wind and hybrid energy projects.

(d) "National Security Clearance" shall mean the security clearance issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e) "No objection letter" means the No objection letter issued by the Ministry of Defence.

4. **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for obtaining security clearance (from Ministry of Home Affairs) and No Objection Letter (from Ministry of Defence).**

The Standard Operating Procedure for obtaining security clearance for all solar, wind and hybrid power projects proposed in areas located near the Line of Control (LOC)/ Actual Line of Control (LAC) / International Border is as follows:

(a) All solar, wind and hybrid energy projects within 50 km will require security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) The 1 km area will be strictly restricted and no project activity will be permitted in this area.

(c) Security clearance for projects proposed in areas located from 1 km to 50 km, or for grant of No Objection Certificate in areas from 1 km to 20 km will be assessed by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Ministry of Defence on a case-to-case basis.

(d) Application for all solar, wind and hybrid energy projects shall be submitted only to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

(e) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will forward proposal accompanied by State Government's in-principle approval for allotment of land to the project, specifying its latitude and longitude to Ministry of Home Affairs for security clearance and to Ministry of Defence for a no-objection certificate. State Government or a Project Proponent shall not apply directly to the Ministry of Home Affairs or the Ministry of Defence.

(f) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will ensure that land allocation is done in such a manner that constructions on the project do not extend over a long distance parallel to the international border.

(g) The principle of natural justice will be followed for projects of similar nature.

(h) The proposal will include comprehensive security measures (such as anti-drone system equipment), which will be operated by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)/ State Police, and the cost of these equipment will be borne by the project proponent.

(i) If the proposed project involves foreign investment, a separate application will be required to be made to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Foreign Direct Investment Policy (FDI policy) of the Government of India.

(j) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will convey the final decision to the project proponent only after obtaining security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and no objection letter from the Ministry of Defence.

(k) As far as possible, the proposals received will be disposed off by the Ministry of Home Affairs within 60 days.

5. Conditions applicable to the projects

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, in coordination with the State Government, will ensure that permission to operate/commence the project will be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The project implementation applicant should not transfer land to any foreign company without prior approval of the Central Government, including security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (ii) The applicant should not engage engineers/staff/employees/labour from land border countries especially Pakistan/Bangladesh/China for project implementation without the permission of the Central Government.
- (iii) The applicant's staff implementing the project must follow the instructions given by the local police and Border Security Force deployed at the international border.
- (iv) During the construction/installation of the project, a dedicated police post should be established/police post to be attached to check and monitor construction workers working on the project. Furthermore, foreign nationals entering the areas should be monitored.
- (v) While implementing the proposed scheme, adequately wide roads should be considered, which can also be used by Border Security/Armed Forces, if required in an emergency situation.
- (vi) The employees of the project implementation applicant should be pre-verified before entering the field, and should follow the instructions issued by the local police and Border Security Force deployed at the International Border.

- (vii) No accommodation/cafeteria/housing facilities, such as those that could attract crowds and where security is lax, should be permitted in this area. Accommodation/hotels should be located at least 5 km from the border, and cafeterias should be located within the plant premises.
- (viii) Civil infrastructure for maintenance and operation in sensitive areas, such as administrative block/central control room/staff housing complex/godown/ other project management and support infrastructure, shall have the following height:

Distance from Line of Control/ Line of Actual Control/ International Border	Maximum height of permitted structure
From 1 km to 8 km	Up to 3 meters
From 8 km to 20 km	Up to 5 meters
From 20 km to 50 km	Up to 15 meters

Note: This will not apply to project infrastructure such as wind turbines etc.

6. Powers to give clarification on guidelines

In case any doubt arises about these guidelines or the Standard Operating Procedures laid down therein, it may be addressed to the Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary, Internal Security-I, Ministry of Home Affairs. Clarifications issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs shall be final.

7. Effective date of the guidelines

These guidelines will be applicable from the date of issue by the Government of India.