

**Amendments in GUJARAT
SOLAR POWER POLICY-2015
(For MSME Manufacturing
Enterprises)**

Government of Gujarat
Energy and Petrochemicals Department
G. R. No. SLR-11/2015/2442/B1
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
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- READ:**
- (1) G.R. No. SLR-11/2015/2442/B, dated 13/08/2015.
 - (2) G.R. No. SLR-11/2016/164/B, dated 02/08/2016.
 - (3) G.R. No. SLR-11/2015/2442/B, dated 21/08/2017.
 - (4) G.R. No. SLR-11/2015/401/B, dated 13/04/2017.

PREAMBLE:

State Government has published Solar Power Policy, 2015 vide G R No: SLR/11/2015/2442/B dated 13.8.2015. Further, Government vide GR dated 13.4.2017 amended provisions related to installation of residential Rooftop solar plants wherein solar capacity restriction is removed.

The government policy has been instrumental in providing conducive framework for development of solar power projects in the State. This has resulted into significant solar capacity addition in the State. Since the notification of Solar Power Policy 2015, there has been significant technological development in the field of solar power generation and cost associated to installation of solar power project.

Under the changed scenario, it was under consideration of the State Government to amend the provisions of Solar Power Policy 2015. Further, it was also under the consideration of the Government to provide special dispensation in policy to Micro, Small and Medium Manufacturing Enterprises (MSME) so that MSME (Manufacturing) can arrange affordable power by setting up solar capacity as per their consumption requirement.

RESOLUTION:

Accordingly, State Government is pleased to amend the Policy GR No: SLR/11/2015/2442/B dated 13.8.2015 for Solar Project(s) set up by MSME (Manufacturing) as under:

1. **Solar Installed Capacity:** In respect of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) - Manufacturing consumers across the State, Micro, Small & Medium Manufacturing Enterprises shall be allowed to set up of Solar Projects of any capacity, irrespective of its sanctioned load/contract demand with the concerned DISCOM.

- a. It is further clarified that the MSME (Manufacturing), can set up the above referred capacity either on roof top under net metering or ground mounted for wheeling of power for its own captive use.
- b. Further, the MSME can purchase solar power for consumption from third party.
- c. For the purpose of these amendments, the definition of Micro, Small & Medium Manufacturing Enterprises shall be in accordance with Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006.

As per Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, definition of MSME Manufacturing category is as below:

Manufacturing Enterprises- The enterprises engaged in manufacture or production of goods pertaining to any industry specified in first schedule to Industries (Development and regulation) Act, 1951) or employing plant and machinery in the process of value addition to the final product having a distinct name or character or use. The Manufacturing Enterprises are defined in terms of investment in Plant & Machinery.

Type	MANUFACTURING
	Investment in Plant & Machinery
Micro Enterprises	Not more than Rs. 25 Lakhs
Small Enterprises	More than Rs. 25 Lakhs but does not exceed Rs. 5 Crores
Medium Enterprises	More than Rs. 5 Crores but does not exceed Rs. 10 Crores

2. **Transmission and Wheeling Charges & Losses for wheeling of power for Captive use / Third Party:** Transmission and Wheeling Charges & Losses for wheeling of power for Captive use / Third Party shall be applicable as

applicable to normal Open-Access Consumer determined by GERC, as amended from time to time.

3. **Electricity Duty:** Electricity Duty shall be applicable at applicable rate. Amount of Electricity Duty recovered shall be paid to DISCOMs towards cross subsidization.
4. **Cross Subsidy Surcharge & Additional Surcharge:** Cross Subsidy Surcharge & Additional Surcharge shall be applicable as applicable to Normal Open Access consumers in case of Third Party Sale.
5. **Energy Accounting:** The energy accounting shall be carried out on 15 minute time block basis. That means, the generated solar energy shall be consumed within same 15 minute time block.
6. **Purchase of surplus Power:** Any surplus solar energy not consumed by consumer as per Energy Accounting shall be purchased by DISCOMs at Rs. 1.75/unit.
7. **Energy drawal from DISCOMs:** Drawal of energy by consumer from DISCOMs after adjustment of solar energy shall be billed as per Tariff applicable to respective tariff category Consumer.

Solar Policy published vide GR No: SLR/11/2015/2442/B dated 13.8.2015 stand amended to this extent.

These amendments shall be applicable for all the cases registered after the date of publication of this GR.

Provided that in respect of cases which have already been registered prior to notification of this GR, the provision of this GR shall be applicable to them if they desire to avail the benefits of this GR.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Dept. dated.17/09/2019 on this Department's file of even number.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat.


(Vijaysinh Vaghela)

Additional Secretary to the Government of Gujarat
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 - The Managing Director, Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd, Rajkot.
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