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भारत सरकार / Government of India  
नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

ब्लॉक संख्या 14, केंद्रीय कार्यालय परिसर,  
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Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110003  
Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Advisory to State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) to allow online listing of petitions and start hearing of petitions through video conferencing**

1. The Renewable Power Developers have submitted to this Ministry that due to the extended nationwide lock-down in the wake of COVID-19, State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have postponed listing and hearing of the petitions. Renewable Power Developers have emphasised on the need for timely filing and disposal of petitions in SERC and have submitted that any delay in relief from the SERCs will adversely affect the financial viability of their projects. They have cited the precedence of Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts and Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) starting the online listing and hearing of urgent matters and have requested this Ministry to issue advisory to all State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) to allow filing and listing of petitions online and hear urgent matters through video conferencing.
2. In view of above, to provide support to the renewable sector in regularizing the matters at State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) and safeguard the ongoing investment in the country, **Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) hereby requests all the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) to kindly consider allowing filing and listing of petitions online and hear urgent matters through video conferencing.**
3. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MNRE.



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To

1. Chairperson of all State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs)/ Joint Electricity Regulatory Commissions (JERCs)
2. Secretary, Forum of Regulators, C/o Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), 3rd Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi 110001.

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