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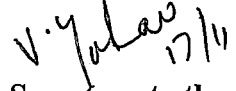
NOTIFICATION

Whereas, to encourage large scale industries to invest in the sector, and to address the supply gaps and incentivize renewable energy manufacturing units the State Government has decided to frame renewable energy manufacturing policy for the State of West Bengal.

Now, therefore, the Governor is hereby pleased to formulate and adopt the following new policy (Annexure-I) in consultation with the concerned departments and stakeholders, under the title '**West Bengal New and Renewable Energy Manufacturing Promotion Policy, 2023**' for the State of West Bengal with immediate effect with a focus on meeting the energy requirements through renewable and alternative sources.

The said policy shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of issuance of the Gazette Notification.

By order of the Governor,



**Principal Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal**

ANNEXURE-I

WEST BENGAL NEW AND RENEWABLE  
ENERGY MANUFACTURING PROMOTION

POLICY 2023

(WB NREMPP 2023)

## **1. Background<sup>1</sup>:**

India's power sector currently has an installed capacity of 393 GW. This existing capacity needs to be further enhanced to meet India's burgeoning energy requirements which is expected to double to 817 GW by 2030. To address energy security challenges, India has set a target of 450 GW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2030, of which about 280 GW (approx. 60%) is expected from solar power generation. By 2030, over 60% of India's total installed capacity will be contributed by clean energy sources including solar, wind and hydro.

India's rising energy demand is also reflected in West Bengal. The rate of urbanization in the state is 3.92% which coupled with a higher digital penetration is enabling surge in energy needs. The projected peak demand was between 8,937 MW to 10,871 MW in 2021, expected to increase to 14,730 MW by 2031.

India's Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), global trends towards clean energy transition, targets of reduced emissions and lower energy costs will accelerate demand for solar modules. This offers valuable market opportunities for West Bengal.

## **2. Preamble:**

With a focus on meeting energy requirements through renewable and alternative sources of generation, a policy is imperative to encourage renewable energy components manufacturing in the state of West Bengal.

The **West Bengal New and Renewable Energy Manufacturing Promotion Policy 2023** aims to address the supply side gaps and incentivize renewable energy manufacturing units. The objective is to encourage large scale industries to invest in the sector, thereby creating an ecosystem for vendors and ancillary component producers to establish manufacturing units in the State. This will reduce costs of renewable power generation, captive power installations and distribution in the State.

Transition towards clean energy sources is incumbent to ensure energy security and climate risk management. Therefore, timely release of the Policy and its implementation has been considered essential to encourage large investments in the sector into the State.

## **3. Short Title:**

The policy may be called the '**West Bengal New and Renewable Energy**

**Manufacturing Promotion Policy 2023'** (herein after referred to as 'NREMPP 2023') for large and MSME industrial projects in the Renewable Energy component manufacturing sector (herein after referred to as the 'Units') set up in the State of West Bengal.

**4. Commencement and duration:**

Unless specifically mentioned against the respective items of incentives sanctioned under NREMPP 2023, it shall come into effect on and from the date of notification in the official gazette and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years hence.

**5. Definitions:**

Unless otherwise specifically mentioned otherwise in NREMPP 2023, the following definitions will apply

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<sup>1</sup><https://wb.gov.in/business-solar-power-industry.aspx>

Term/ Phrase	Definition
Banglashree Prakalpa	Fiscal Incentive Scheme for expansion and new MSME units in the State effective from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2025 under the aegis of MSME&T Department
CCP Certificate	Commencement of Commercial Production Certificate duly issued by DI, WB
Central Government / GOI	Government of India
Company	An entity defined and established within provisions of the Companies Act 2013
Completion Certificate	A self-attested certificate from the Company along with Consent to Operate
Consent to establish	within provisions of WBPCB norms
Consent to Operate	A certificate issued by WBPCB for commencing operations of the plant for commercial production
Deemed Approval	Approval that does not require any prior application or is considered as 'given' within a fixed time frame
DI	Directorate of Industries, West Bengal under IC&E
DIC	District Industries Centre

Term/ Phrase	Definition
Eligible Unit	A unit proposed to be set up in the State of West Bengal and having a letter of endorsement from NRES Department qualifying the unit's eligibility to avail benefits under NREMPP 2023
Unit	An entity that has obtained an RC and comes under the ambit of NREMPP 2023
Exempted Category	Within provisions of WBPCB norms
Forms & Certificates	In the specific format as per guidelines of implementation that may be issued by IC&E
IC&E	Industry, Commerce & Enterprises Department, Government of West Bengal

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<sup>2</sup>Explanation: “Unit” means any Industrial Project in large or MSME scale sectors engaged in manufacturing process for the purpose of manufacture of goods as defined under “manufacture” in the NIC classification 1987 as amended from time to time as well as defined in section 2(f) of the Central Excise Act, 1944 having approval in the form of letter of intent, industrial licence or registration certificate as the case may be under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 (65 of 1951) or an acknowledgement in the form of IEM from DPIIT, Govt. of India in the private, co-operative and joint sectors as also companies/ undertakings owned or managed by State and the Central Government.

Term/ Phrase	Definition
Implementation Guidelines	Guidelines that may be issued by IC&E for implementation of the NREMPP 2023
Incentive Period	Unless otherwise specified elsewhere, this shall ordinarily be for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of RC
LoI	Letter of Intent to establish the Unit
New Unit	A unit that is being established new by incorporation of a new entity or by a company that does not have its manufacturing presence in the State
Nodal Agency	West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited (WBIDC)
NRES	Department of Non-conventional and Renewable Energy Sources
Policy Period	5 (five) years
RC	Registration Certificate issued by the Directorate of Industries under aegis of IC&E
Reference Website	<a href="https://www.wbidc.com/">https://www.wbidc.com/</a>
SAIP 2020	SAIP Scheme for Approved Industrial Parks of West Bengal under aegis of Medium Small and Micro Enterprises & Textiles (MSME & T) Department Government of West Bengal

Term/ Phrase	Definition
Silpasathi	Single Window industry facilitation services through WBIDC
Silpasathi Portal	Online Single Window Services Portal (silpasathi.wb.gov.in)
State	All areas within the territorial jurisdiction of West Bengal
State Agencies	All Departments including Corporations, Directorates, Development Authorities, Authorities, Boards and Parastatals established by the Government of West Bengal from time to time
State Financial Institutions	Any Institution or corporation set up by the Government of West Bengal and duly authorised for disbursement of financial assistance to Industrial units.
State Government / GOWB	Government of West Bengal
TET&SD Department	Technical Education, Training & Skill Development Department
WBIDC	West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
WBPCB	West Bengal Pollution Control Board
WBSEDCL	West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd.



## **6. Applicability of the NREMPP 2023:**

The policy is applicable to only those units that have submitted their Letter of Intent to the Director of Industries, West Bengal and have received certificate of registration from DI, WB and have also obtained an endorsement letter from NRES department certifying the unit's eligibility to avail benefits under NREMPP 2023.

## **7. Industrial Promotion Assistance in the form of exemptions:**

The following exemptions to the extent of 100% are applicable to all eligible units:

- a. Land Mutation & Conversion Fees for privately purchased lands to set up the Units within the Policy Period
- b. Stamp Duty and registration fees: For all transactions of land deeds entered into for setting up of New and Renewable Energy equipment manufacturing units within the Policy Period
- c. Water Cess: Any additional Charge<sup>3</sup> by way of Cess or duty or levy by any State Agency for supplying water to the Unit.
- d. Electricity Duty: For all Units going for expansion or establishment of New Units having registered within the Policy Period and have commenced operations within two years from the Policy End Date. The electricity duty exemption shall be valid for a period of five (5) years from date of commencement of commercial operations.
- e. Skill Development Subsidy: The industrial units would be allowed to gain the benefit of skill development initiatives as proclaimed under the "Utkarsh Bangla" industry-led module. Rates payable shall be as per the then prevailing notified rates. Where necessary, State Government in TET&SD Department would assist the skilling endeavor involving ITIs and polytechnics under its control.

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<sup>3</sup> Explanation: Charge per Consumption is not exempted

## **8. Role of NRES Department**

The department would qualify the unit's eligibility for consideration to avail incentives under NREMPP 2023 by providing an endorsement letter to the unit.

The department will be consulted in all cases where technical support is required to implement the provisions of this policy.

## **9. Policy Implementation:**

- i) West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) under the Department of Industry Commerce & Enterprises (IC&E) is the nodal agency for bringing awareness and implementation of this policy, hand holding and providing support to the investors in the State.
- ii) All clearances would be processed through a single window clearance (SWC) of 'Silpa Sathi'.
- iii) The IC&E Department would review the policy from time to time with consultation from NRES Department and may issue instructions and guidelines to facilitate implementation under the provisions of this policy.
- iv) The IC&E Department would co-ordinate with other stakeholder departments for grievance redressal and smooth implementation of the Policy.

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