ORDER

Sub: Measures for contributing towards ‘Atmanirbh kar Bharat’ and ‘Make in India’ through phased indigenisation in Power Sector.

Whereas Ministry of Power after analysis of data relating to import of the equipment in power sector and consultations with the stakeholders engaged in manufacturing of the equipment as well as developers of power projects in generation, transmission, and distribution, has taken note of the fact that despite Government of India policy of ‘Make in India’, many equipment in this sector are being imported even though sufficient domestic manufacturing capacity and competition exists.

Whereas DPIIT from time to time since 2017 has issued orders with the latest version issued vide No.P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) on 04.06.2020 to promote Make in India and domestic manufacturing of goods and services in India with a view to enhancing income and employment and the said order needs to be fully implemented in power sector.

Whereas, for power sector to become an integral part of national campaign of ‘Atmanirbh kar Bharat’ and to contribute to ‘Make in India’ policy of Government of India, it is essential that developers in the generation, transmission, and distribution of power, are also encouraged to effectively and wholeheartedly contribute in this endeavor.

Whereas Power is a sensitive and strategically important sector and is a critical infrastructure for development of our country, as our national defense, vital emergency services, critical national infrastructure, communication, data services, health services, logistics, manufacturing etc. all depends on reliable power supply and any possibility of malware/cyber threat in the power systems leads to vulnerability with the potential of bringing down the whole system with consequential impact on all other sectors of our country. Therefore, ‘Atmanirbh kar Bharat’ has a much higher level of significance for this sector. Therefore, there is a need to encourage, adopt and use only 'Make in India' equipment/materials/parts/items in the power sector in order to protect the safety and security of our country.

Now therefore the following order is issued:

1. This order is issued in consonance with the order of the DPIIT referred above.

2. All equipment/materials/parts/items required in the power sector which are domestically manufactured with sufficient domestic capacity shall necessarily be used from the domestic manufacturers only as per the extant provisions of the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Orders issued by DPIIT and MoP.

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3. In respect of equipment/materials/parts/items wherein domestic capacity is not available and imports are inevitable, the MoP shall list out all these equipment and prepare an Action Plan for their indigenisation over a specified time frame of 2-3 years. For this an enabling policy framework through support to Start-ups, phased manufacturing programme, vendor development, Research & Development, tax & other incentives needs to be developed.

4. Till such time indigenous manufacturing capacity for all equipment/materials/parts/items required in the power sector are developed, the goods so imported shall be tested in certified laboratories designated by MoP to check the presence of any embedded malware/trojans or other cyber threats and also to check adherence to Indian Standards. For testing of goods from prior reference countries, the testing protocol shall be approved by Ministry of Power (MoP).

5. Ministry of Power shall prepare an 'Approved list of Models and Manufacturers' (ALMM) in power sector. All Power Projects which are bid out as per the standard bidding guidelines will be required to procure equipment from manufacturers figuring in the approved list.

6. Financing from REC and PFC will be structured in such a manner that lower rates of interest will be charged on the developers who will use domestically manufactured equipment.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble MoS (IC) for Power and NRE.

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