



MNRE Holds Stakeholder Consultation on Draft Floating Solar Potential Assessment and Draft Policy Framework

States Urged to Identify and Prioritise Water Bodies for Floating Solar PV Development

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Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) organized a Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on 20-02-2026 under the Chairmanship of Shri. J.V.N. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary (JS), MNRE to discuss the draft Floating Solar PV (FSPV) Potential Assessment Report and the draft Floating solar policy prepared by National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) & IIT Roorkee, respectively.



Considering the prevailing land constraints faced in Renewable Energy (RE) projects, FSPV has emerged as an alternate avenue. However, only around 700 MW of FSPV projects has been commissioned in India, so far. This is majorly due to lack of data on the potential sites and clear framework for project execution.

In order to overcome this bottleneck, MNRE in association with NISE and IITR has prepared these documents.



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MNRE requested all States/UTs to have internal consultations with all stakeholders at state level like Water Resources/Irrigation, Revenue, Fisheries, Forest, Agriculture, DISCOMs/Transcom, PWD, Tourism, Pollution Control etc., and provide their comments and feedbacks on draft policy and potential.

The discussion focused on providing innovative solutions like plug and pay models, allotment of water bodies with all necessary approvals etc. for the derisking the developers and investors. Based on the potential and policy, States/UTs may also identify and prioritize sites for the development of FSPV projects.

MNRE will also have detailed consultations with MoEFCC, Wetland Authority, National Dam Safety Authority etc. on the floating solar policy, based on the feedback received from the states.

The workshop was attended by senior officials of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, RE State Nodal Agencies, and representatives from States/UTs, Solar Energy Corporation of India, NISE and IIT Roorkee.

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