

- b. EESL is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of Government of India set-up under MoP. It undertook a transparent tendering process for procurement of Solar Power for MSEDCL on e-procurement website, the discovered rate being Rs 3 per unit.
 - c. As per the conditions of draft PPA proposed to be executed between MSEDCL and EESL, the asset of solar project shall remain with MSEDCL after period of PPA.
 - d. The rate in this Petition cannot be compared with the discovered for solar parks which has an advantage of economies of scale and establishment of large project capacities at a single location. Proposed solar power plants in this petition are ranging from 0.5 MW to 2 MW, to be erected at different locations/substations of MSEDCL. Also escalation in rate is not proposed for 25 years. Therefore the rate proposed by MSEDCL is comparable taking into consideration the above factors.
2. Dr Ashok Pendse on behalf of TBIA, supported the Petition of MSEDCL as it is beneficial to the Agricultural consumers. By mentioning the chronology from June 2017 till December 2017 in the solar sector he stated that the rates of solar power purchase are coming down in the market. Dr. Pendse further stated that the recent solar power purchase in Uttar Pradesh is at Rs 2.48 per unit for ACME 200MW and at Rs 2.47 per unit for Hero Solar 200MW, Bhadla is at Rs 2.44 per unit for 500MW and Rs 2.62 per unit for 250MW, Delhi Metro Reva is at Rs 2.97 per unit for 750MW, Rajasthan ACME at Rs 2.44 per unit for 200 MW. Lease rent in case of Badhla is Rs. 30515/ MW/year. Therefore, there is scope for reduction in the cost of power.
 3. Shri. Shantanu Dixit on behalf of Prayas Energy Group supported the Petition of MSEDCL as it is beneficial to Agricultural consumers. He stated that MSEDCL should ensure that the land which is to be utilized for solar power project will not be required for augmentation or future expansion of the substations.

Case is reserved for Order.

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(Anand B. Kulkarni)
Chairperson