

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION, SHIMLA**

In the matter of:-

Authentication of the renewable energy against Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPO) for FY 2024-25 under the provisions of Regulation 4 of HPERC (Renewable power Purchase Obligation and its compliance) Regulations, 2023 of Obligated Entities other than distribution licensee.

ORDER

The State Agency i.e. Directorate of Energy, in its submission, has submitted the status of 16 No.'s open access and standby DG Set based obligated entities for RPO compliance of FY 2024-25. The following entities were indicated as non-compliant due to reasons such as delayed REC's purchases, verification of status of captive Renewable Energy (RE) plant from where RE energy procured by the Obligated Entities, RE data verification by the SLDC and in some cases the interpretation of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Power Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) Regulations, 2023 (hereinafter referred as "the RPO Regulations, 2023") by the State Agency:-

Sr. No.	Name and address of Obligated Entities	Status
1	Ambuja Cements Ltd., Unit ACL Suli P.O. Darlaghat Tehsil- Arki , Distt-Solan (H.P) 171102	Non Compliant
2	Ambuja Cements Ltd., Unit ACL Nalagarh P.O. JajhraTeh. Nalagarh, Distt-Solan (H.P) 174101	Non Compliant
3	ACC Limited Gagal Cement Works, P.O. Barmana Bilaspur H.P. 174013	Non Compliant
4	Birla Textile Mills, Sai Road, BhatouliKhurt, P.O. Baddi, Distt- Solan -173205	Non Compliant
5	Indorama Industries Ltd., Village Manpura Baddi, Distt. Solan, HP	Non Compliant
6	Ultra Tech Cement, Village Baga, P.O. Kandhar, Tehsil- Arki, Distt- Solan- 171102 (H.P)	Non Compliant
7	Ultra Tech Cement, Bagheri Village Pandiyana Tikkri, Po Khillian, Nalagarh, Distt- Solan (H.P)	Non Compliant
8	Vardhaman Textile limited (BEHT-I), Baddi Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt-Solan 173205 (H.P)	Non Compliant
9	Vardhaman Textile limited, M/s VMT Spinning mills Co.LTD, LP-228 Baddi Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt-Solan 173205 (H.P)	Non Compliant

2. However, the following entities were indicated as compliant by the State Agency:-

Sr. No.	Name and address of Obligated Entities	Status
1	Sun-Pharma, Industrial Limited, Vill- Batamandi, Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmaur H.P. 173025	Compliant
2	WINSOME Textile Industries Limited, Baddi, Distt. Solan, H.P. 173205	Compliant
3	Nestle India Limited, V.P.O Nangal Kalan Industrial Area Tahliwal, Distt-Una, H.P 174301	Compliant
4	Procter & Gamble Home Product Ltd., Plot No. 1, Katha Baddi, PO Baddi, Teh. Nalagarh, Solan – 173205, (HP)	Compliant
5	SJVN Ltd. , NathpaJhakri, Distt. Shimla H.P. 172201	Compliant
6	Torrent Pharama Limited, Village Bhud- MakhnuMajra, Tehsil- Baddi, District Solan H.P. 173205	Compliant
7	M/s L'oreal India Private Limited, Plot No. 146A-150, EPIP Phase 1, JharmajriBaddi, 174103	Compliant

3. The Commission vide letter HPERC-H-(1)-6/2024-Vol-XII-2843-51 dated 14.10.2025 called the non-compliant obligated entities, for meeting on 11th November, 2025, alongwith State Agency to ascertain the status of RPO compliance for FY 2024-25. The representatives of following entities were present in the said schedule meeting:-

1. Sh. Tipendra Kumar, Sr. Manager, ACC Ltd. Galgal Cement Works
2. Sh. Anil Thakur, Dy. Manager, Birla Textile Mills.
3. Sh. Deepak Dandora, Dy. Manager, Indorama Industries Ltd.
4. Sh. D.K. Sharma, Chief Manager (Engineering), Vardhaman Textile Ltd.
5. Sh. Lucky Sharma, Dy. Manager, Ultra Tech Cement, Nalagarh.
6. Sh. Ashwain Sharma, Ultra Tech Cement, Nalagarh
7. Sh. Anshul Bali. Dy. Manager, Ultra Tech Cement, Arki, Solan.

4. The Commission after careful consideration categorized these obligated entities as under:-

- (A) Obligated Entities which are compliant under the provisions of HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023;
- (B) Obligated Entities where interpretation of provisions of HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023 are required; and
- (C) Obligated Entities where RECs were purchased after the compliance as specified in the HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023.

(A) **Obligated Entities which are compliant under the provisions of HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023;**

- i) M/s Sun-Pharma, Industrial Limited, Vill- Batamandi, Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmaur H.P. 173025
- ii) M/s WINSOME Textile Industries Limited, Baddi, Distt. Solan, H.P. 173205
- iii) M/s Nestle India Limited, V.P.O Nangal Kalan Industrial Area Tahliwal, Distt-Una, H.P 174301
- iv) M/s Procter & Gamble Home Product Ltd., Plot No. 1, Katha Baddi, PO Baddi, Teh. Nalagarh, Solan – 173205, (HP).
- v) M/s SJVN Ltd. NathpaJhakri, Distt. Shimla H.P. 172201
- vi) M/s Torrent Pharama Limited, Village Bhud- Makhnu Majra, Tehsil- Baddi, District Solan H.P. 173205
- vii) M/s L'oreal India Private Limited, Plot No. 146A-150, EPIP Phase 1, Jharmajri Baddi, 174103

(B) **Obligated Entities where interpretation of provisions of HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023 are required:-**

(i) The RPPO status of M/s Ambuja and ACC Plants:-

- a) Ambuja Cements Ltd., Unit ACL Suli P.O. Darlaghat Tehsil- Arki ,Distt- Solan, (H.P) 171102
- b) Ambuja Cements Ltd., Unit ACL Nalagarh P.O. Jajhra Teh. Nalagarh, Distt-Solan (H.P) 174101
- c) ACC Limited Galgal Cement Works, P.O. Barmana, Bilaspur H.P. 174013

As per the submission of State Agency, these entities have executed *Power Consumption Agreements* with Ambuja Cements Limited (Captive Generator) for drawal/consumption for ACC plant and Ambuja plant. The HPSLDC has already verified the solar power purchases of these entities for FY 2024-25, monitored and manage by the Renewable Energy Management Centre (REMC).

(ii) The RPPO status of M/s Ultra Tech Cement Plants:-

- a) Ultra Tech Cement, Village Baga, P.O. Kandhar, Tehsil- Arki, Distt- Solan- 171102 (H.P)
- b) Ultra Tech Cement, Bagheri Village Pandiyana Tikkri, Po Khillian, Nalagarh, Distt- Solan (H.P)

As per the submission of State Agency these obligated entities have executed *Electricity Off take Agreements* with Ampus Ages Private Limited (Generating Company).The HPSLDC has already verified the solar power

purchases of these entities for FY 2024-25, monitored and managed by the Renewable Energy Management Centre (REMC).

c) The RPPO status of M/s Vardhman Textile Ltd.:-

- a) Vardhaman Textile limited (BEHT-I), Baddi Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt-Solan 173205 (H.P)
- b) Vardhaman Textile limited, M/s VMT Spinning mills Co.LTD, LP-228 Baddi Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt-Solan 173205 (H.P)

As per the submissions of State Agency the obligated entity i.e. Vardhman Textile Ltd. has installed the captive solar power plants having capacity of 2.7 MW and 2.468 MWp /2.065 MWp Solar Captive Plant and have generated and consumed 33, 34,540 kWh and 7,24,440 kWh units from these Captive Power Plant (CPPs). The energy generation of these CPPs for FY 2024-25 has already been verified by the designated officer of Discom.

The State Agency has made a submission in the meeting held on 11th November, 2025 that the HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023 are silent for aforesaid captive RE power adjustment for Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPO) and need clarity in this regard.

(C) Obligated Entities where RECs were purchased after the compliance as specified in the HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023:-

(i) The RPPO status of Birla Textile Mills:-

As per the submissions of the State Agency, the obligated entity i.e. M/s Birla Textile Mills has purchased 66 RECs on 11.06.2025 to meet its RPO obligation for FY 2024-25. Due to the delayed purchase, the obligated entity is found RPO non-compliant for FY 2024-25 as per the provisions of the HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023.

(ii) The RPPO status of Indorama Industries Ltd.:-

As per the submissions of the State Agency, the obligated entity i.e. M/s Indorama Industries Ltd. has purchased 31 RECs on 14.05.2025, 7 RECs on 25.06.2025, and 3 RECs on 09.07.2025 to meet its RPO obligation for FY 2024-25. Due to the delayed partially purchases, this obligated entity is also found non-complaint as per the HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023.

4. Conclusion:-

- (i) The item (i) of Sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 5 of HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023 provides that purchase of energy from generating station, based on RE sources shall qualify for RPO. Further, item (iv) of said Regulation also

provides that energy generated from own RE sources also qualifies for RPO (broadly the RE captive generation may fall under generation from RE sources or own RE sources).

Further, Sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 4 of CERC REC Regulations, 2022 also qualifies the excess captive generation beyond RPO, eligible for issuance of RECs, if such RE generation of captive plants qualifies for issuance of RECs which means that such equivalent renewable energy is also eligible for off setting the RPO read with items (i) and (iv) of Sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 5 of HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023. Hence, Commission finds the following obligated entities elaborated in para (B) above as RPO complaint for FY 2024-25:-

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- (ii) As per the Sub- regulation (3) of Regulation 8 of the HPERC (Renewable Power Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) Regulations, 2023, the obligated entities are require to submit the quarterly report before the end of the sixth week of the succeeding quarter and annual consolidated report on or before the 15th May of the succeeding year.
- (iii) M/s Birla Textile Mills has purchased sixty six (66) numbers RECs on 11.06.2025 to meet its RPO obligation for FY 2024-25. M/s Indorama Industries Ltd. has purchased seven (7) number RECs on 25.06.2025 and

three (3) number RECs on 09.07.2025 to meet its RPO obligation for FY 2024-25 after 15th May of FY 2025-26. The State Agency in its submissions has found these obligated entities non-compliant in its RPO for FY 2024-25.

The HPERC RPO Regulations, 2023 have come into force from 01.03.2023 thus, the obligated entities are fully aware of the same and are bound to comply the renewable power obligations, as specified time to time, by the Commission. The Commission has already provided various modes to fulfill the RPO compliance including purchase of RECs. National level monitoring of RPO compliance, on quarterly basis, also cast duty on the obligated entities to adhere the provisions provided by the State Commission. Hence, the following obligated entities are held to be non-complaint for FY 2024-25 and ordered to be proceeded against as per Regulation 9(1) of HPERC RPO Compliance Regulations, 2023:-

Sr. No	Name and address of Obligated Entities	Status
1	M/s Birla Textile Mills, Sai Road, BhatouliKhurt, P.O. Baddi, Distt- Solan -173205	Non Compliant
2	M/s Indorama Industries Ltd., Village ManpuraBaddi, Distt. Solan, HP	Non Compliant

The Secretary of the Commission shall ensure that the updated status of RPO compliance of all obligated entities for FY 2024-25 is uploaded on the website of the Commission and the State Agency.

It is so ordered.

Dated: 01.12.2025

Place: Shimla.

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(Shashi Kant Joshi)
Member

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(Yashwant Singh Chogal)
Chairman-cum-Member(Law)