BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION SHIMLA

Petition No: **195 of 2026**
Instituted on: 21.10.2026
Heard on: 22.10.2026
Decided on: **22.10.2026**

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SHASHI KANT JOSHI
MEMBER-cum-Chairman

In the matter of:-

The HP State Electricity Board Ltd.
through Chief Engineer (SO),
Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla-171004. **…….Joint Petitioner No.1**

AND

The Shri Balaji Solar Power Project,
Registered office at Village and Post Office Rehan,
Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra, H.P-176022.
through its Authorised Signatory, Sh. Sunny Garg.
…. ….Joint Petitioner No.2

Joint Petition under the provisions of Section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 2003 read with Regulations 56 and 57 of the HPERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024, for the approval of the Power Purchase Agreement (Solar) in respect of Shri Balaji Solar Power Project (1.0 MW).

Present:-

Sh. Rajesh Kashyap, Ld. Counsel for the Joint Petitioner No. 1.

Sh. Sunny Garg, Authorised Representative for the Joint Petitioner No. 2.

ORDER

This Joint Petition has been filed by the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. (the Joint Petitioner No.1 or the HPSEBL for short) and Shri Balaji Solar Power Project (the Joint Petitioner No. 2 for short)

for the approval of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA for short) under section 86 (1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act for short) read with Regulations 56 and 57 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024, (CBR, 2024 for short) in respect of Shri Balaji Solar Power Project (1.0 MW) proposed to be set up at Village and Post Office Kandror, Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra, H.P.

2. As per the Petition, the HIMURJA, vide letter No. HIMURJA(F-7)/ SPV/ Interest Subsidy/2025-482 dated 10.04.2026, has accorded 'in principle' approval for setting up of the Shri Balaji Solar Power Project under the scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Startup Swarozgaar Saur Urja Yojna" subject to certain conditions specified therein. The Scheduled Commercial Operation Date (SCOD) of the Project is 09.04.2027. Further, as per the undertaking of the Joint Petitoner No. 2 filed with the Petition, the proposed location of the Project falls in rural area.

3. Heard. Sh. Rajesh Kashyap, Ld. Counsel for the Joint Petitoner No. 1 and Sh. Sunny Garg, Authorised Representative for the Joint Petitioner No. 2 and have perused the entire record carefully.

4. It is evident from the record that the connection agreement in respect of the Project has been signed by the Joint Petitioners on 28.09.2026, a copy whereof has been placed on record. As per the

connection agreement, the Interconnection Point of the project has been provided at existing 11 kV Rehan feeder, emanating from 2x3.15 MVA, 33/11 kV Rehan Sub-station with appropriate protection arrangement.

5. The Commission, after careful examination of the entire record of the case and the averments made in the petition, is satisfied that Joint Petitioners have made out a case for approval of the Power Purchase Agreement (Solar) in respect of the Project. Therefore, the Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 86 (1)(b) of the Act read with Regualtions 56 and 57 of the CBR, 2024, accord its approval to the said Power Purchase Agreement subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The tariff of Rs. 3.47 per kWh shall be applicable to the Project of the Joint Petitioner No. 2 subject to the adjustment of admissible subsidy, if any, in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the Commission's Order dated 31.03.2026 passed in Suo Moto Petition No. 14 of 2026.

(ii) The Joint Petitioner No. 2 shall make an endeavour to avail admissible subsidy/financial assistance, if any, and shall intimate the Joint Petitioner No. 1 of any subsidy/financial assistance received from the State/Central Government or its designated Department(s)/agency(ies) within 15 days from the date of receipt of such subsidy/financial assistance, for tariff adjustment by Joint petitioner No. 1. An undertaking to this effect shall form part of the PPA. In the event that the admissible subsidy/financial assistance is not availed, or the Joint Petitioner No. 2 fails to approach the State/Central Government or its designated Department(s)/Agency(ies) for the same, such subsidy/financial assistance shall be deemed to have been availed by the Joint Petitioner No. 2

for the purpose of tariff adjustment by the Joint Petitioner No. 1.

(iii) The undertaking of the Joint Petitioner No. 2 that the Project is in the rural area and the Connection Agreement dated 28.09.2026, shall form part of the PPA.

(iv) This tariff shall be firm and fixed and shall be applicable upto 31.03.2028 as per Clause 15 (E) of the Order dated 31.03.2026 in Suo Moto Petition No. 14 of 2026. In case there is enhancement in tariff for the FY 2027-28, such enhancement shall not be applicable for the Project. However, in case the tariff during the FY 2027-28 is less than the tariff determined vide order dated 31.03.2026 in Suo Moto Petition No. 14 of 2026, such reduced tariff shall be applicable after 31.03.2028.

(v) The royalty @ 5 paise per kWh shall be worked out and charged by the HPSEBL from the date of generation of the project installed under the Rajiv Gandhi Startup Swarojgaar Saur Yojna and shall be payable to the State Government over and above the approved tariff of the project which shall be eligible for the pass through.

6. Other terms and conditions of the PPA shall be subject to the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017, as amended from time to time, and the Order of the Commission passed on 31.03.2026 in Suo-Motu Petition No. 14 of 2026 under the said Regulations.

7. The Joint Petitioners are directed to execute PPA as per the above Order after carrying out the necessary additions and alterations within 30

days from the date of this Order. Two copies of the executed Power Purchase Agreement be submitted to the Commission for record.

8. Let a copy of this Order be supplied to the Joint Petitioners forthwith.

The file after needful be consigned to records.

Announced
22.10.2026

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(Shashi Kant Joshi)
Member-cum-Chairman

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