



## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

**Sub:** Amendment to the earlier approved project proposal of M/s Reliance Industries Limited at Dhumansur Village, Humnabad Taluk, Bidar District - reg.

- Read:**
1. Government Order No. CI 108 SPI 2008, dated 19.05.2008.
  2. Government Order No. CI 164 SPI 2021, dated 01.04.2021.
  3. Government Order No. CI 164 SPI 2021, dated 18.08.2022.
  4. Proceedings of the 139<sup>th</sup> State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) meeting held on 27.03.2023.

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### **Preamble:**

The project proposal of M/s Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) for establishment of "2 x 400 MW Gas based Power Plant" in 200 acres of land at Sy.No. 48,49,50,51,52,54 and 55, Dhumansur Village, Humnabad Taluk, Bidar District with an investment of Rs.2400 crore was approved in 13<sup>th</sup> SHLCC meeting held on 13.03.2008 and extend following infrastructure facilities incentives and Concession.

1. KIADB to acquire and allot 200 acres of land on consent basis at Sy. no 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54 and 55, Dhumansur Village, Humnabad Taluk, Bidar District with 70% consent from Land owners.
2. 1412 KVA power to service from GESCOM during the construction of Phase-1 project. KPTCL to do the needful in strengthening of the grid so as to transport the requisite power through Hanmabad 220 KVA substation to various consumption allocation of the company. KPTCL to grant an open access and allow wheeling subject to payment of appropriate charges. The company shall enter to an agreement with the Energy Department/ ESCOM/ KPTCL to sell excess power and the company should give the first right of refusal to consumer of Karnataka. There shall be no application on Government of Karnataka and ESCOM's to purchase the power generated by the proposed plant.

3. Water resource department to permit the company to draw 34 MLD of water from downstream of lower Mulamari project subject to availability. The revenue department to grant permission for Right of Usage, Right of way to lay the pipeline from Tharanja Dam upto project site. (approx 25 kms). The company shall allotted rain harvesting and water recycling.
4. The promoters were advised to obtain CFE from KSPCB and ECC from GoI. No civil works shall commence prior to obtaining ECC.

Accordingly, Government Order read at (1) above was issued.

Further, as per decision of 123<sup>rd</sup> State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) Meeting held on 23.02.2021, Government has accorded approval for following proposals of M/s Reliance Industries Limited;

- Change of activity from “2 x 400 MW Gas based Power Plant” to “56 MW Solar Power Project”.
- Extension of time by 2 years, with a condition that further extension of time will not be granted.
- Revised investment of Rs.178.64 crore.

Accordingly, Government Order read at (2) above was issued.

In the 133<sup>rd</sup> SLSWCC Meeting held on 29.07.2022 the proposal was examined & approval was accorded for grant of permission to use the leased land to establish, own, operate, maintain the Solar PV Project by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (Step down subsidiary of M/S RIL) and transfer all permission in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (RJIL), while Reliance Industries Limited continuing to be the lessee of the Leased Land, subject to KIADB transfer norms. Accordingly, Government Order read at (3) above was issued

#### **Status of implementation:**

In the request letter dated 03.03.2023, the company has informed the following effective steps:

- RJIL has obtained all major statutory and government approvals and has achieved implementation progress of almost 75%,

- Approval for the Project from Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd (“KREDL”), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (“KPTCL”), has been obtained
- All critical equipment’s have been received at the site,
- All common infrastructure and works related to power evacuation system for complete plant 50 MW (both the phases) are nearing completion and will be implemented in phase -1 itself.
- RJIL revised the Project plan to execute the Project in two phases for the following reasons,
- In view of the above and considering the present power transformer loading limitation at KPTCL Humnabad Substation and RTPS, the Solar PV project of 50MW capacity shall be developed in 02 (two) phases with a project cost of Rs.180 crore (Approx.) in Phase -1 and Rs. 154 crore (Approx.) in Phase -2, totaling Rs.334 crore (including all taxes), which shall be more than the initial proposed investments, the details of which are as follows:

Phase wise implementation plan	Solar PV Plant capacity		Project cost (crore) (Approx.)	Project Completion date
	AC	DC		
Phase # I + Common infrastructure + Power Evacuation for 50MW AC capacity	25MW	35MWp	180	30 June-2023
Phase # II	25MW	35MWp	154	30 September 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>50MW</b>	<b>70MWp</b>	<b>334</b>	

**It is stated that due to the following reasons there was a delay in implementation of the project:**

- Project has suffered from the residual impact of Covid-19 delays which impacted all aspects of the Project
- With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, there was a change in import duty on solar panels, which has substantially affected the project due to increase in the cost and sourcing of PV Modules from the reputed manufacturers.
- The notification of Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022 (“Open Access Rules”), made it difficult to implement the project at the ground level.

- Delay in granting of Evacuation order from KPTCL had a downstream impact of 3 months on the Project implementation
- It is stated that the execution of the Project in the leased land as per the approvals granted earlier are under progression and they are implementing the same in two phases of 25MW AC/35 MWp DC capacity each, with Phase-1 of the Project nearing completion.
- They will also be completing most of the construction activities required for the entire Project, in Phase -1 itself utilizing more than 60% of the leased land area. However, despite their best efforts of allocating more human resources and capital investment, the Phase -1 of the Project will be commissioned by 30 June-2023 and Phase 2 of project by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

#### **Present request of the Company:**

The company has requested for the further extension of time for a period of two (2) years for completion of the proposed Solar PV Project in two phases with the a revised investment of Rs. 334 crore.

#### **Recommendation of 105<sup>th</sup> LAC meeting:**

The representative of the company appeared before the Committee through V.C and requested for approval of Extension of time for a period of two (2) years for completion of the proposed Solar PV Project in two phases with the a revised investment of Rs. 334 crore.

The Committee noted the request of the company and opinion of the KIADB. After detailed discussions resolved to recommend to SLSWCC for following amendments:

1. Extension of time by two (2) years to implement the project.
2. To implement the proposed Solar PV Project in two phases with a revised investment of Rs. 334 crore.

The proposal was examined & approved in the 139<sup>th</sup> State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) Meeting held on 27.03.2023.

Government has examined the recommendations made by the 139<sup>th</sup> SLSWCC meeting in all aspects.

Hence the following order.

**GOVERNMENT ORDER No. CI 164 SPI 2021 . BENGALURU. DATE 11.05.2023**

Government is pleased to accord approval for the following proposals of M/s Reliance Industries Limited;

1. *Extension of time by two (2) years to implement the project, with a condition that further extension of time will not be considered.*
2. *To implement the proposed Solar PV Project in two phases with a revised investment of Rs. 334 crore.*

All other terms and conditions indicated in the Government Order read at (1) above remains unaltered.

By Order and in the name of the  
Governor of Karnataka,

*H. Nagarathnamma.*  
(NAGARATHNAMMA .G) 11/5/2023  
Desk Officer (Technical Cell),  
Commerce & Industries Department.

**To,**

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2. Principal Accountant General (A&E), Karnataka, Park House Road, Post Box No. 5329, Bengaluru.
3. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
4. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
5. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.
6. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resource Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.

7. Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.
8. Secretary to Government (Mines & SSI), Commerce & Industries Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
9. Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
10. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Vanijya Therige Karyalaya, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru-09.
11. Chief Executive Officer & Executive Member, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
12. Managing Director, Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM), Kalaburagi.
13. Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), No. 49, Church Street, Parisara Bhavan, Bengaluru-01.
14. Director (Technical Cell), Commerce & Industries Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
15. Additional Director (P&P), Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
16. Managing Director, Karnataka Udyog Mitra (KUM), Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.
17. PS to Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
18. PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Commerce & Industries Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
19. M/s Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), No.62/2, Richmond Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.
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