

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH  
DEPARTMENT OF NES

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**INVITATION FOR EXPLORING SOLAR POWER POTENTIAL IN THE STATE**

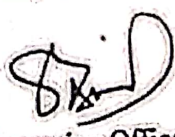
The Government of Himachal Pradesh, through HIMURJA, invites applications for the setting up of Ground Mounted Solar Power Projects for capacities ranging from 250 KW to 5 MW in the State to be set up by the applicants on their own private land/private leased land. The applicants will have to take the work from concept to commissioning, including feasibility, survey and investigation.

The applicant can apply for allotment of Solar Power Project as per the guidelines available on the website of HIMURJA (i.e. [www.himurja.hp.gov.in](http://www.himurja.hp.gov.in)), anytime during the year. The applicant will have to submit the application in the format as at Annexure "A". The applicant will have to deposit an application fee of Rs 10,000/- for projects upto 1 MW. This fee for projects above 1 MW and up to 5 MW will be Rs 1.00 lakh. This fee will have to be deposited through RTGS in the HIMURJA account and will be non refundable. The account details and IFSC code are in Annexure "B" of the scheme. The applicant will have to take prior approval from H.P.S.E.B.L. as per Annexure "C" and submit it along with the application.

The applicant will have to furnish documents regarding the ownership of the land or a lease deed where he or she intends to set up the Solar Power Project.

Applications not submitted in the prescribed format and not accompanied by the application fee and requisite documents shall not be accepted and shall be rejected outright.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh reserves the right to reject any or all of the applications without assigning any reason.

  
Chief Executive Officer,  
HIMURJA, Shimla-9

## **HARNESSING OF SOLAR POTENTIAL THROUGH SOLAR POWER PROJECTS HAVING CAPACITIES RANGING FROM 250 kW to 5 MW**

### **A. Objective**

The State of Himachal Pradesh has set itself the target of becoming the first Green Energy State in the country by the year 2026. In line with this vision, and to support the State's renewable energy goals and for creating avenues for employment, skill development, and economic growth, a scheme for harnessing solar power through Solar Power Projects (SPPs) with capacities ranging from 250 kW to 5 MW was launched in the in February 2023, and the second phase of this Scheme was launched in September, 2023. This scheme received a very good response from entrepreneurs from within the State, and now, with the aim of tapping the maximum available solar potential in the State, the Government has decided to open the process of registration to set up SPPs ranging from 250 kW to 5 MW in Himachal Pradesh throughout the year. The entrepreneurs can apply anytime during the year by submitting the application in the prescribed format along with application fees and consent from H.P.S.E.D.L on the prescribed proforma.

The applicants may apply to set up SPPs under the following two categories:

- i. SPPs of capacity ranging from 250 kW to 1 MW. These projects will be allotted to Bonafide Himachalis only.
- ii. SPPs of capacity greater than 1 MW and up to 5 MW. Non- Himachalis too would be eligible to apply for these projects.

### **B. Nodal Agency:**

**HIMURJA will be the Nodal Agency.**

### **C. Scope:**

- a) All the SPPs ranging from 250 kW up to 5 MW capacities are to be set up by the applicants on private land or land taken on lease. For a SPP of 1 MW capacity, approximately 1.5-2 Hectares of land is required.



- b) The energy generated from the SPPs shall be purchased by Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Pvt. Ltd. (HPSEBL) as per the tariff approved by Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) and shall remain in force as per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).
- c) The SPPs should preferably be set up near HPSEBL Sub-station or near an 11 kV/22 kV HT distribution feeder. However, in case the availability of the land is not in close vicinity of existing HPSEBL substation/11kV/22kV distribution feeder, the applicant shall have to construct an 11kV/33kV feeder from the proposed project site up to the nearest existing HPSEBL substation 11kV/33kV distribution feeder at his own risk and cost.
- d) Royalty at the rate of 05 paise per unit kwh of electricity produced will be charged from SPPs above 1 MW capacity.

**D. Eligibility Criteria:**

- a) SPPs with capacities ranging from 250 kW to 1 MW are reserved exclusively for Bonafide Himachalis. In addition, Partnership Firms or Private Limited Companies having 100% share holding of Bonafide Himachalis too are eligible to apply for the SPPs having capacities in this range.
- b) Any Independent Power Producer (IPP) can apply for SPPs having capacities above 1 MW and up to 5 MW.
- c) The applicants will have to furnish documents regarding the ownership of the land or lease deed where they intend to set up the SPP. In case the land is to be acquired on lease, the process for leasing out the land will be completed by the applicant immediately after allotment of the project, which will be subject to the provisions contained in the HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act and the HP Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

**E. Process for submitting application:**

- a) The applicant will submit the application on the prescribed application format given at Annexure "A". The applicant can submit the application by post or through email to the official e-mail address of HIMURJA, namely, himurja-hp@nic.in
- b) The following documents have to be supplied with the application:
  - i) The details of the Land (*jamabandi*, lease deed) etc.



- ii) Proof of Registration of the Partnership firm/Company to be attached.
- iii) Bonafide Himachali Certificate for projects ranging from 250 kW up to 1 MW.
- c) The applicant will have to deposit an application fee of Rs 10,000/- for projects upto 1 MW. This fee for projects above 1 MW and up to 5 MW will be Rs 1,00,000/-. This fee will have to be deposited through RTGS in the HIMURJA account. This application fee will be non refundable. The account details and IFSC code are at Annexure "B".
- d) The applicant will have to get approval from the Assistant Engineer, HPSEBL, of the concerned Sub-Division where he intends to set up the SPP for connectivity. The format for getting approval is in Annexure "C".

#### **F. Timelines:**

- a) HIMURJA, after receipt of the application will examine the same, and will put the same before the Screening Committee for approval. The constitution of this Committee will be as under:

1. Chief Executive Officer	Chairman
2. Project Director-cum-Dy. C.E.O.	Member
3. Project Manager (Solar)	Member
4. Assistant Controller (Finance & Accounts)	Member
5. Sr. Project Officer (SPV)	Member Secretary

- a) The SPPs will be registered by HIMURJA, subsequent to the approval of the Selection Committee, on a provisional basis. The provisional registration letter will be issued to the applicant within seven days of the receipt of the application. Permanent registration will be made by HIMURJA on the commissioning of the project after the declaration of the final Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the project.
- b) The eligible applicants for SPPs up to 1 MW will be required to deposit rupees one lakh as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to ensure that they are serious about setting the project. This amount for the SPPs above 1MW and up to 5 MW will be Rs Two Lakh. This EMD amount

is to be deposited within 21 days of the issue of the Provisional Registration letter of the project. This amount will be refunded only after the commissioning of the project. However, no interest will be payable on the amount deposited with HIMURJA. In the event that the applicant fails to commission the project within the given time period, this amount will stand forfeited.

- c) The applicant will have to apply to HIMURJA for the approval of the Inventory of items required for setting up the SPP within 15 days of the issue of the Provisional Registration letter.
- d) After approval of Inventory of items, the applicant will apply to H.P.S.E.B.L. for signing of the Connectivity Agreement.
- e) The applicant will then submit a joint petition with H.P.S.E.B.L. to H.P. State electricity Regulatory Commission for approval of Power Purchase Agreement.
- f) H.P.S.E.B.L shall sign the PPA with the applicant as per the terms and conditions approved by H.P.E.R.C.
- g) The applicant will have to sign the PPA with HPSEBL, achieve the Financial Closure of the project and finalize the EPC Contractor within three months from the date of issue of the provisional registration letter.
- h) Since for SPPs, no environment clearances, survey and investigations, Techno Economic Clearances, etc., are required, a period of 12 months will be sufficient for the completion & commissioning of the project. In case the SPP developer is unable to get the project commissioned within 12 months, a notice will be issued to the SPP developer to show cause as to why the project allotted to him may not be cancelled. The allotment of the project will be cancelled in case the reply to the show cause notice is not found to be satisfactory.
- i) Extension of maximum 6 months at a time can be given for completion of the SPPs for reasons not attributable to the applicant.
- j) The applicant shall submit a report on monthly basis about the progress of the project in a prescribed format. Senior Project Officer/Project Officer of the District will monitor the progress on quarterly basis.



**G. Transfer of the project**

The solar power project can be transferred to any entity only after the commissioning of the project.

**H.** All provisions of the Energy Policy 2021 as amended from time to time will be an integral part of the provisional registration letter.