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From: Momin Jaan
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 2:31 PM
To: Puneet Agarwal; puneet Agarwal
Cc: Alexandra Solovieva; Gaur DS
Subject: FW: Extension of the project " Removal of Barrier to Biomass Power Generation in India."
Attachments: jainvk.vcf

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that DEA (MI Division) has conveyed its no objection to MNRE request for extension of the UNDP supported GEF project "Removal of Barrier to Biomass Power Generation in India" for 2 years up to 31st March 2014.

Regards
Momin

From: jainvk@nic.in [mailto:jainvk@nic.in]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 10:58 AM
To: S N Srinivas
Subject: Fwd: Extension of the project " Removal of Barrier to Biomass Power Generation in India."

Dear Dr. Srinivas,

Please see mail below for kind information.

Regards

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Rajani Ranjan <rajani.ranjan@nic.in>

> Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2012 11:23:33 +0530

> Subject: Extension of the project " Removal of Barrier to Biomass Power Generation in India."

> To: tarun.kapoor@nic.in

> Cc: Nzagha@worldbank.org, nilaya.mitash@gmail.com

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Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your letter no. 10/21/PMC/BM-2009 dated 05.03.12 regarding extension of UNDP-GEF assisted project titled 'Removal of Barriers to Biomass Power Generation in India' .

I am directed to convey that the Department of Economic Affairs has 'no-objection' to the proposed extension of above mentioned project for 2 years upto 31st March 2014.

With warm regards,

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Alok Srivastava, IAS
Joint Secretary

10/21/PMC/BM-2009

भारत सरकार
नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
Government of India
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

18.03.2014

Dear Nilaya,

As you are aware, this Ministry is implementing a UNDP/GEF assisted Project No. 00051271 - Removal of Barriers to Biomass Power Generation in India, through a Project Management Cell (PMC) established in the Ministry. The project was commenced in April 2007 for a period of 3 years which was subsequently extended upto 31st March 2014 with the approval of DEA, communicated vide letter no. 7/1/2007-FB-VIII dated 29th March 2012.

2. One of the key objectives of the Project is to establish 7 Model Investment Projects (MIPs) with an aggregate capacity of about 35 MW in different parts of the country with the view to demonstrate the viability of new investment and financing models for mainstreaming the biomass sector. This activity is to proceed based on detailed studies for identification of barriers. Such studies covering various aspects of the biomass sector and potential have been completed. 3 MIPs (two relating to biomass fuel supply linkages and one on power generation based on gasification technology) had been completed and other 7 are currently under implementation. In addition to these, another 5 projects, which are mainly for decentralized distributed generation of power, are in advance stages of obtaining various mandatory State Govt. approvals / clearances and/or award of contracts. A brief report on the progress made so far is enclosed herewith as **Annexure -I**.

3. Based on the Mid Term Evaluation of the Project, completed in mid - 2011, UNDP, New Delhi engaged a National Consultant for revision in Log Frame Analysis (LFA) of the projects who had recommended extension of project duration upto 31st March 2017. A summary of the same is attached herewith as **Annexure -II**.

The progress made under the Project was reviewed by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) in its 5th meeting held on 12th March 2014 under the Chairmanship of Secretary MNRE. A realistic time schedule for completion of all the MIPs undertaken under the project was also discussed and the time schedule approved is as follows -

- Final Sanction of 5 New MIPs - September 2014
- Execution & Commissioning of ongoing and new MIPs - June 2015/ Sept. 2015 (12-15 months)
- Performance Evaluation of MIPs - Dec. 2015 (3-6 months)
- Terminal Evaluation of the project - March 2016

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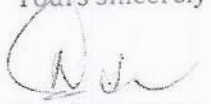
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5. The Committee had also approved extension of the Project duration initially for two years i.e. up to 31st March 2016. A copy of the minutes of the said meeting is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

6. In view of the above, I would appreciate if you could kindly grant approval of DEA for extending the Project duration for two years i.e. up to 31st March 2016 of above mentioned Project.

With Regards ,

Yours sincerely



Alok Srivastava

To:

i) Shri Nilaya Mitash, Joint Secretary (MI), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Room No: 40B, North Block, New Delhi - 01, Fax: 011 2309 4453.

Copy for information to:

ii) Shri Shashi Shekhar, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Block No: 4, CGO Complex, New Delhi-03.

iii) Shri Srinivasan Iyer, Assistant Country Director, UNDP, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003

File No: 17/17/1994-FB, VIII
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(MI) Division)

North Block, New Delhi
Date: 2nd April, 2014

To
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Subject: UNDP/GEF-assisted Project on "Removal of Barriers to Biomass Power generation in India"

A reference is drawn to the M/o New and Renewable Energy DO letter No 10/21/PMC/BM-2009 dated 18.3.2014 on the matter captioned above (copy enclosed). The MNRE has requested to consider extending the project period by two years, i.e., up to 31.3.2016.

2. You are, therefore, requested to kindly consider the extension of the said project by two years beyond 31.02.2014, i.e., up to 31.3.2016.

With regards,

Encl: As above


(Ipsita Mitra)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel No (011) 239-574

Copy to:

1. Sh. Alok Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, w.r.t the DO letter No. 10/21/PMC/BM-2009 dated 18.3.2014
2. Sh. ShashiShekhar, ADDI. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest;
3. Sh. Srinivasan Iyer, Assistant Country Director-UNDP



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08 April 2014

Dear Ms. Mitra,

Sub- Extension of UNDP/GEF project titled " Removal of Barriers to Biomass Power Generation in India

This is to thank you for your letter No.17/17/1994-FB, VIII dated 2 April 2014 addressed to the Country Director, Mr. Jorn Sorensen, on the MNRE's request dated 18 March 2014 for the extension of UNDP/GEF project titled "Removal of Barriers to Biomass Power generation in India by two years i.e. upto 31 March 2016.

We hereby confirm UNDP's concurrence with the recommendation of the Project Steering Committee at its meeting on 12 March 2014, to extend the above project upto 31 March 2016.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Srinivasan Iyer

Assistant Country Director and Head
Energy and Environment Unit

Ms. Ipsita Mitra
Under Secretary (MI)
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
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Cc: Mr. Alok Srivastava, JS, MNRE, New Delhi
Cc: Mr. Shashi Shekhar, AS, & (GEF Focal Point), MOEF New Delhi