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**Office Memorandum**

Subject: New Benchmark cost of Off-grid Solar PV Systems and Rooftop Solar Plants for the Year 2018-19 -reg.

On 17 March 2017, this Ministry had issued benchmark cost for the year 2017-18 for Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications programme and Grid Connected Rooftop Solar and Small Power Plant Programme (copy enclosed).

2. Ministry is in the process for finalising the new benchmark cost for the current financial year i.e. 2018-19 for Off-grid Solar PV Systems and Rooftop Solar Plants and same is likely to be issued shortly.

3. All agencies, which are implementing the projects sanctioned under the Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications programme and Grid Connected Rooftop Solar and Small Power Plant Programme, and have not issued the work order/LoA till date, for the projects sanctioned by Ministry, are requested to follow the new benchmark cost for the year 2018-19 to be issued by Ministry shortly. All sanctioned projects for which the work orders/LoAs will be issued from 20.4.2018 onwards will be eligible for central financial assistance as per new benchmark cost for 2018-19.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Enclosed: As above.

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All concern