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Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Plan Finance-II Division

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Expansion in the scope of eligible projects/schemes for financing under the National Clean Energy and Environment Fund (NCEEF).

Reference is invited to the Budget announcements relating to NCEF. In the Budget Speech 2015-16, the scope of NCEF was increased by including clean environment initiatives and in the Budget Speech 2016-17 'clean energy cess' was renamed as 'clean environment cess'.

- 2. In line with the Budget announcements, it has been decided to change the name of the fund from "National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) to "National Clean Energy and Environment Fund (NCEEF)".
- 3. In view thereof, the National Clean Energy and Environment Fund (NCEEF) shall fund research and innovative projects in clean energy technologies and clean environment initiatives. *Any* project/scheme relating to clean energy technology and clean environment initiative and/or research & development thereof shall be eligible for funding under the NCEEF. An indicative list of such activities is enclosed at *Annexure*.
- 5. This is in partial modification of the DoE OM of even number dated 18.04.2011.

6. This issues with the approval of the Finance Minister.

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## INDICATIVE LIST OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER NCEEF

- i. Projects supporting the development and demonstration of integrated community energy solutions, smart grid technology, renewable applications with solar, wind, tidal and geothermal energy;
- ii. Projects which result in replacing existing technology in energy generation with more environmentally sustainable approach including projects related to environment management in the geographical areas surrounding the energy sector projects;
- iii. Renewable/Alternate Energy: This would include advanced solar technologies, geothermal energy, bio-fuels from cellulosic bio-mass/algae/any waste, offshore Marine Technologies (Wind, Wave & Tidal) & Onshore wind energy technologies, Hydrogen & fuel cells.
- iv. Clean Fossil Energy: This would include coal gasification, shale oil/ gas, lignite/CBM, advanced turbine and technology for IGCC power plants, methane hydrates, enhanced recovery from unconventional resources and fossil energy advanced research, carbon capture and sequestration as also carbon capture and reformation.
- v. Basic Energy Sciences: This would include energy storage for hybrid and plug-in electric vehicles, solid state lighting, catalysis, biological and environmental research, high energy and nuclear physics etc.
- vi. Department of Atomic Energy: Production of nuclear power and R & D activities which promote clean energy technologies.
- vii. Ministry of Urban Development: Urban development projects using green energy and innovative environment friendly techniques such as components of Smart City Mission.
- viii. Ministry of Earth Sciences: Activities undertaken by the Ministry on environmental friendly activities and R & D.
- ix. Other Departments running schemes which promote clean energy / clean environmental projects and R & D activities.
- x. Mitigation projects identified in the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) and projects relating to R&D to replace existing technologies with more environment friendly ones under National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change (NMSKCC).
- xi. The projects relating to creation of power evacuation infrastructure for renewables.
- xii. The projects relating to the Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) in industrial clusters.
- xiii. The projects undertaken in pursuance of the National River Conservation and the National Lake Conservation Programme.
- xiv. Innovative projects and research on green building material and technology for urban areas.
- xv. Projects for innovative ways of solid waste management and sanitation.