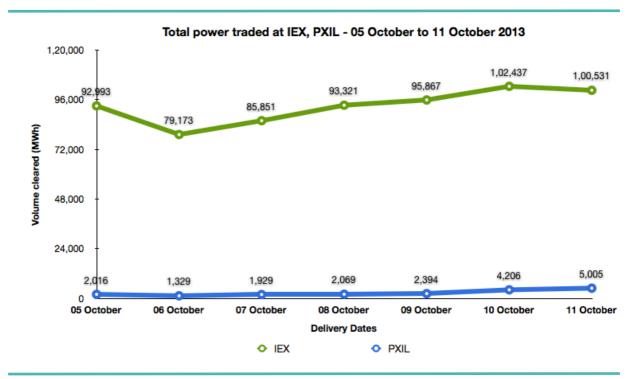


India's solar power capacity addition highest in four months

India added more solar power capacity in August 2013 compared to the last five months, the latest figures released by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) show. About 130 MW grid-connected solar power capacity was added in August compared to 144 MW capacity added between April and July 2013.

The ministry has set a target to install 4,325 MW of grid-connected renewable energy capacity during FY2013-14 against which 1,092 MW has been achieved till 31 August 2013. June 2013 saw the highest capacity added, 263 MW in this financial year; of this 248 MW alone came from wind power projects.

Wind and solar were the significant renewable capacity addition contributors in FY 2013-14 with a small addition of 80 MW from small hydro projects. Biomass and bagasse based cogeneration capacity remained constant since last financial year with no grid connected capacity addition.



Conditions for sale of excess power, panel disposal added for Phase II Solar Mission

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has released the revised draft guidelines for allocation of 750 MW of solar PV projects under the first batch of the second phase of the National Solar Mission. The revised guidelines include some clauses which may very well have been included for the first time in a request for proposal for solar power projects in India.

If the solar project developer is unable to generate minimum power in any contracted year as per the lower limit of the Capacity Utilisation Factor (CUF) declared by the developer himself, he is liable to provide compensation to Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). The developer will pay the compensation to the SECI as provided in the Purchase Sale Agreement (PSA) and the SECI will in turn disburse the amount to the respective distribution companies.

The SECI/NVVN will purchase surplus power generation above 10% of the declared CUF at 50% of the total tariff, provided, if it has any buyer available for excess generation.

Solar power project developers will be required to dispose off the solar panels at the end of their usable life in accordance with the "e-waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011."

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