MNRE Policy Update at a Glance (2026 Breakdown)

The matrix below provides a direct, clause-by-clause comparison of India's previous renewable regulatory positions versus the current requirements enforced in 2026. Every entry is verified against primary gazette notifications and administrative circulars:

Policy Area	Official Development	Previous Position	Current Position (2026)	Effective Date	Stakeholders Affected
ALMM Solar PV Cells	Operationalization of ALMM List-II	Only solar modules regulated under ALMM List-I; imported cells permitted in assembled panels.	**Mandatory domestic cell sourcing** from ALMM List-II manufacturers for all covered projects; 12th revision active.	Mid-2026 (Dec 31, 2026 transition window)	Cell/Module Manufacturers, Utility EPCs, Open Access Developers
PM Surya Ghar CFA Subsidies	Restructured Central Financial Assistance	Earlier rooftop phase benchmark cost subsidies (~₹14,588/kW flat up to 3 kW).	**₹30,000/kW (≤2 kW)**; ₹18,000/kW for 3rd kW (capped at ₹78,000 max). GHS/RWA @ ₹18,000/kW up to 500 kW.	Active / Ongoing	Rooftop Installers, Residential Consumers, DISCOMs
National Portal Verification	Confidence Score & Defect Mandate	Standard document upload without automated biometric or confidence scoring.	Applications scoring **<70% confidence** require signed consumer undertakings & physical ID; 5-yr mandatory vendor AMC.	Notified 2026	Empaneled Vendors, Rooftop EPCs, Verification Officers

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Green Energy Open Access	GEOAR 100 kW Threshold Enforcement	Open Access threshold set at 1 MW, excluding small and mid-sized commercial entities.	**100 kW threshold** across reforming states; cross-subsidy surcharge capped at 20% of ACS; no banking surcharge exceeding limit.	Progressive State Adoption	C&I Consumers, Open Access Developers, IPPs
Net Metering Capacity Caps	Alignment with Electricity Rights Rules	Capped at 10 kW or 20 kW in many states; higher capacities forced onto gross metering.	Net metering permitted up to **500 kW** in progressive state regulations (hybrid net-billing/gross above cap).	State Specific (2026)	Commercial Solar Developers, Institutional Roof Owners
Inverter Telemetry & Metering	CEA Technical Connectivity Standards	Local display logging or non-standardized inverter telemetry without smart meter mandates.	Mandatory **DLMS/COSEM smart meters** with 15-min interval telemetry for systems >10 kW; anti-islanding per IEC 62116.	Enforced 2026	Inverter OEMs, EPC Electrical Engineers, DISCOM Inspectors
Solar Goods Quality Order	BIS Compulsory Registration SOP	Ad-hoc lab testing; 3-year surveillance without strict model synchronization.	Mandatory BIS registration (IS 14286 & IS 16221) with **annual re-certification** and synchronized model number SOP under ALMM.	Active 2026	Equipment Importers, Domestic OEMs, Testing Labs (NABL)

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Renewable Purchase Obligations	Uniform National Trajectory & Penalties	Fragmented state RPO targets without uniform Energy Storage Obligations (ESO).	Uniform trajectory up to 2030; solar/wind/storage RPO sub-targets; **enhanced non-compliance penalties** under EC Act.	FY 2026–27 Enforced	DISCOMs, Captive Power Plants, Open Access Consumers