

## BACKGROUND NOTE

### **Sustainable Land Futures for Utility Scale RE Expansion in Rajasthan: Insights and Recommendations**

Rajasthan has emerged as a leading state in India's renewable energy transition, particularly in utility-scale solar and wind deployment. The state has demonstrated strong institutional leadership and policy commitment through proactive renewable energy policies such as Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024, streamlined approval mechanisms, transmission infrastructure expansion, and facilitation of private sectors' participation. These initiatives have positioned Rajasthan as a key hub for large-scale renewable energy investments and clean energy generation in India.

At the same time, the rapid expansion of renewable energy projects has highlighted the importance of efficient land planning, site identification, and institutional coordination for timely project implementation. As renewable energy deployment continues to scale up, there is increasing emphasis on ensuring that impact of land-use change, local development priorities, and socio-ecological considerations are addressed in a balanced and sustainable manner.

Recognizing these emerging concerns, TERI has been undertaking a study on land procurement and its implications upon immediate community as renewable energy installations are gearing up in Rajasthan, combining policy analysis, field-based insights, and stakeholder consultations. As part of this effort, a stakeholder workshop on *"Equitable Land Futures for Renewable Energy in Rajasthan"* was convened in Jaipur, Rajasthan on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026, which brought together representatives from government, industry, developers and civil society. The discussions highlighted the need for deeper engagement on operational challenges, institutional coordination, and good practices in land procurement and management.

With this background, the proposed roundtable discussion aims to bring together a curated group of stakeholders, including renewable energy developers, and experienced practitioners such as former revenue officials, to facilitate an open and solution-oriented discussion. The roundtable is intended to serve as a platform for validating findings, surfacing grounded implementation perspectives, and co-developing practical recommendations. The roundtable will also provide an opportunity to strengthen alignment between policy intent and on-ground realities, while fostering a collaborative approach to addressing land-related challenges in the sector.

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## AGENDA

Venue: Marigold, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Date: 26 June 2026

| Time (IST)       | Session  | Lead/ Speaker   |
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| 10:30-11:00      | Registration   |   |
| 11:00-11:10      | Welcoming guests and opening remarks   | Shri A.K Saxena, Sr. Director<br>TERI                             |
| 11:10-11:15      | Special address  | Shri Jiwesh Nandan,<br>Distinguished Fellow, TERI                 |
| 11:15-11:20      | Keynote Address  | Dr. Rohit Gupta, Chairman &<br>Managing Director, RRECL<br>(TBC)* |
| 11:20-11:40      | Presentation: Key Insights from TERI's Study   | Dr. Jay Ganesh Pandey,<br>Research Associate, TERI                |
| 11:40-11:50      | Q&A  |   |
| 11:50- 12:00     | Tea break  |   |
| 12:00- 12:45     | Moderated Discussion – Part A: On-ground<br>Realities, Institutional and Policy Gaps<br>• Land identification and aggregation<br>• Approval processes and coordination<br>• Institutional overlaps | Moderator (TERI) + All<br>Participants                            |
| 12:45- 13:30     | Moderated Discussion – Part B: Solutions and<br>Recommendations<br>• Practical reforms and good practices<br>• Capacity building and regional development  | Moderator (TERI) + All<br>Participants                            |
| 13:30- 13:45     | Synthesis and Closing<br>• Summary of key takeaways<br>• Final reflections and next steps  | TERI & Landesa  |
| 13:45- 13:50     | Vote of Thanks   | Dr. Jayanta Mitra, TERI   |
| 14:00<br>onwards | Networking lunch   |   |

\* To Be Confirmed

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