G.S.R. (E).-In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts all items of machinery, including prime movers, instruments, apparatus and appliances, control gear and transmission equipment and auxiliary equipment (including those required for testing and quality control) and components, required for initial setting up of a solar power generation project **or facility**, from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon which is specified in the First schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (5 of 1986), subject to the following conditions, namely:-

- (1) before the clearance of the goods from the factory, the manufacturer produces to the Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise or the Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise, as the case may be, a certificate, from an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy recommending the grant of this exemption and the said officer certifies that the goods are required for initial setting up of a solar power generation project or facility; and
- (2) the manufacturer of such goods furnishes an undertaking to the Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise or the Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise, as the case may be, having jurisdiction, to the effect that-
 - (a) the said goods shall be used only in the said project or facility and not for any other use; and
 - (b) in the event of failure to observe conditions above, the manufacturer shall pay the duty which would have been leviable at the time of clearance of goods, but for this exemption.".

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