

Will battery based energy storage outperform projections in India? Be it lower cell costs in China, or a shift to BOO from BOOT, or even better local expertise, battery based energy storage is on a strong wicket to outperform projections in India. Is energy storage a mini-disruption in India? In the past three months multiple BESS (Battery-based Energy Storage system) tender results have pointed to yet another mini-disruption in the fast-evolving Indian renewable energy sector. Energy storage targets for might be a lot closer in itself. How much does a battery energy storage system cost in India? "In recent auctions, battery energy storage system tenders in Maharashtra and Rajasthan secured tariffs as low as INR 219,000-221,000 per megawatt (MW) a month (US\$2,561-US\$2,586/MW/month), representing almost a 40% reduction compared with non-VGF projects with similar specifications," Sharma said. What is the lowest bid for battery capacity in India? That lowest bid was for 50 MW/100 MWh of battery capacity. Karnataka-based Pace Digitek secured 125 MW/250 MWh and TrueRE-Oriana Power 50 MW/100 MWh at INR 245,000/MW/month in the under-subscribed tender. How many Bess tenders have been issued in India? To date, 20 standalone BESS tenders and three pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) tenders have been issued since the first auctions in 2022, comprising 9.33GW of standalone battery storage at 2-hour to 4-hour duration and 19.9GW of PHES at 6-hour to 8-hour duration. How much did SECI's Bess project cost in India? Consider the numbers. In July 2022, SECI's 1200MWh BESS project attracted winning bids at Rs 3.41 per unit. Interestingly, JSW Neo Energy, which won an allocation at Rs 3.42, had won a bid in at Rs 10.84 per unit effectively. Specifically, recent auction results for storage have been record-breaking: the latest tender for standalone battery energy storage systems (BESS) with two hours' duration in April saw a winning bid of 2.8-2.85 lacs/MW/month, without any subsidy like the Viability Gap Funding. Specifically, recent auction results for storage have been record-breaking: the latest tender for standalone battery energy storage systems (BESS) with two hours' duration in April saw a winning bid of 2.8-2.85 lacs/MW/month, without any subsidy like the Viability Gap Funding. The procurement exercise in Telangana, backed by central government viability gap funding (VGF), secured 225 MW/450 MWh of a hoped for 250 MW/500 MWh. A 250 MW/500 MWh grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) tender in the Indian state of Telangana attracted a bid of INR 240,000 (\$2,800). Recent energy storage auctions in India reveal record-low prices, with unsubsidized standalone battery storage bids at 2.8 lacs/MW/month and solar+storage bids at 3.1-3.5 INR/kWh. Our analysis, based on implied solar and storage costs from these bids and bottom-up global cost estimates, shows that a standalone ESS (Standalone ESS) emerging as a key enabler. As the country rapidly scales up variable renewable energy (VRE), Standalone ESS offers a dispatchable solution to address the intermittency of renewables, standalone ESS functions as an independent asset. Utilities, grid operators or third-party owners. Of the total ESS capacity, 40% is under various stages of execution, 27% is cancelled and 30% is under tendering process. As of April 2023, BESS capacity of 400 MWh is operational, with ~0.5 GWh worth capacity expected to come online by Q2. Source: Tender nodal agency websites, press releases. National and regional agencies in India tendered for 9.5GW



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of utility-scale energy storage in the first quarter of , with more than two-thirds for standalone systems. According to a new report from JMK Research and the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), tenders for India's National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has allocated 1.2 GW of solar and 600 MW/1.2 GWh of energy storage projects at an average tariff of INR 3.09 (\$0.036)/kWh. The renewable energy division of India's National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) secured the largest, 300 MW slice of Indian battery tender yields \$2,800 monthly megawatt A 250 MW/500 MWh grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) tender in the Indian state of Telangana attracted a bid of INR 240,000 (\$2,800) per megawatt of battery capacity per month from domestic

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This price rationalisation is expected to lead to the realization of sustainable IRR for projects, which should ideally reduce the currently high cancellation rate of tenders and improve lender

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