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Why in News?

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued new national security guidelines.

- It was introducing a blanket ban on projects like solar, wind and hybrid renewable energy projects within 1 km of the international border and mandating security clearance for projects located up to 50 km away.
- The border areas include the Line of Control (LoC), the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and the International Border (IB).
- Projects proposed within 20 km of the LoC, LAC and IB will also require a separate No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Defence.
- Applications for all renewable energy projects will be submitted only to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- The guidelines impose restrictions on foreign participation and staffing.
- It was stating that the applicants should not engage engineers, staff, employees, or labour from Pakistan, Bangladesh and China without the MHA's permission.
- Existing renewable energy projects near the LAC are mostly small-scale in nature, while those near the IB in Rajasthan and Gujarat are relatively large.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, along the LoC, most projects are solar rooftop installations, while Kargil and Ladakh have solar photovoltaic projects.

Reference

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