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NOTICE TO ROOFTOP SOLAR VENDORS / PUBLIC FOR INSTALLATION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR POWER PLANTS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Implementation of Phase-II of Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Programme of MNRE for the year 2021-22

Based on the new guidelines issued, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched Phase-II of Grid connected solar programme vide Order No. 318/331/2019-GCRT Division dated 19/01/2022. Electricity Department, Puducherry, being the implementing agency for implementation of Phase-II programme of MNRE in the UT of Puducherry has been allotted with solar installation capacity of 5 MW for the year 2021-22. The List of empanelled vendors under this Scheme will be notified in the Department website.

Subsidy/CFA applicable under DISCOM Empanelled Vendors:

Under Phase-II of Grid connected solar programme of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Central Financial Assistance / Subsidy upto 40% for Rooftop solar systems upto 3 KWp and for incremental capacity above 3 KWp the CFA would be limited to 20% on the rates arrived through competitive bidding or MNRE Benchmark Cost whichever is lower payable to Solar Vendors.

**Simplified procedure for installation of rooftop solar PV system
National Portal (NP)**

MNRE has developed a 'National Portal (NP)' for the registration of applications under the simplified procedure vide office memorandum Ref No. F. No.318/6-2022-GCRT, dated 10/06/2022. The National portal was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 30.07.2022 for registering applications by the household beneficiaries, giving approval and tracking progress in connection with the installation of Roof Top Solar (RTS) plants including the registration of new vendors.

The whole process from submission of application to the release of subsidy/CFA would be implemented in online mode through this National portal. The portal can be accessed through the link <https://solarrooftop.gov.in>. The link for the online portal of DISCOMs is https://solarrooftop.gov.in/grid_others/discomPortalLink.

In addition to the existing procedure of tendering/empanelment by the Electricity Department, Puducherry, MNRE has introduced a simplified procedure through which the beneficiaries can install the rooftop solar project either by themselves or through any vendor of their choice.

Under this procedure, it will not be mandatory for the beneficiary to install the Solar Rooftop Plants only through the vendors empanelled by the Electricity Department, Puducherry.

Vendor Registration on National Portal (NP)

In order to protect the interests of beneficiaries and ensure that the vendors installing the rooftop solar plants have the requisite expertise, follow minimum specifications and standards specified by the MNRE and maintain the plant for at least five years from the date of installation, the vendors have to register/empanel themselves with the Electricity

Department, Puducherry.

The vendors currently empanelled with the Electricity Department, Puducherry through tendering process under RTS Programme Ph-II will be considered as empanelled vendors for this purpose. The Performance Bank Guarantee submitted for earlier empanelment shall have to be validated for a further period of 5 years from the date of submission of application for enrolment in the National Portal for a cumulative amount of Rs.2,50,000/-.

Other vendors willing to register/empanel themselves in the Programme under simplified procedure may get themselves registered with the Electricity Department, Puducherry by submitting an application along with a declaration specified by MNRE and depositing a Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) of Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only) valid for atleast five years in favour of the Superintending Engineer - cum - HOD, Electricity Department, Puducherry.

The vendors can submit the application to the Superintending Engineer - cum – HOD and the name of the vendor will be included in the list of registered/empanelled vendors within a period of one month from the date of submission of the application.

Registration/empanelment of vendors will be valid initially for one year from the date of empanelment and can be renewed thereafter on yearly basis.

The Electricity Department, Puducherry will notify the registered/empanelled vendors on its website for information of residential consumers and update the same everymonth.

Registration of Beneficiary on National Portal (NP)

The beneficiary will have to apply online at the National Portal for installing the RTS system and the subsidy/CFA will be transferred to the bank account of the beneficiary directly after successful installation of RTS project.

For registration at NP, the applicant will need electricity bill, an active 10-digit Mobile number and an active E-mail ID.

The consumer will also be required to download SANDES App on his mobile. First, the applicant has to visit the registration page of national portal and select the state and the concerned DISCOM.

Then the applicant has to enter consumer account no. mentioned in the electricity bill, mobile number and mail id.

After entering these details, an OTP will be sent through SANDES App for mobile number verification.

On successful verification of the mobile number, an account activation link will be received on the mail-id provided.

The activation link will also include the details of the simplified procedure.

After clicking on the activation link received in the email, the account would be activated and the beneficiary will be redirected to NP for submission of application.

Subsidy/CFA applicable under Simplified Procedure:

Plant Capacity	Applicable Subsidy
Up to 3 kW	Rs. 14588/- per kW
Above 3 kW and up to 10 kW	Rs. 14588/- per kW for first 3 KWp and thereafter Rs. 7294/- per KWp
Above 10 kW	Rs. 94822/- fixed

The subsidy/CFA available for the applicant under respective modes would be displayed to the applicant during the application stage.

The CFA/subsidy will be available only for applications registered till 31.12.2022 in the National Portal and will be released after clearance by inspecting authority (DISCOM) on successful commissioning and installation of metering system as per specified procedure.

The CFA/subsidy shall be payable to the Applicant.

Execution of Agreement

The consumer shall sign an agreement with the vendor that the installation and commissioning of the RTS system would be in accordance with the technical standards and specifications issued by MNRE. MNRE has prepared a model agreement and the same can be adopted by the consumer.

-s/d-
Superintending Engineer - cum - HOD