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Government of India
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(Grid Connected Solar Rooftop, Solar Cities & Green Buildings Division)

INFORMATION NOTICE

Subject: Installation of Grid Connected Solar Rooftop Power Plants – Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of MNRE - regarding.

The Ministry is implementing a 'Grid Connected Rooftop and Small Solar Power Plants Programme' in which the solar rooftop plants from 1.0 kWp to 500 kWp capacities are set up. The Ministry has set a target for installation of 100 GW solar power of which 40 GW is to come from grid connected solar rooftop plants. Since a large target has been set, it will not be possible to provide CFA for all 40 GW such solar rooftop plants.

2. CFA of 15% of the benchmark cost will be provided only to following categories:

Sl. No.	Category	Coverage of buildings
(i)	Residential	All types of residential buildings
(ii)	Institutional	Schools, health institutions including medical colleges & hospitals, educational institutions (both public & private), R&D institutions etc.
(iii)	Government	Both Central & State Governments buildings covering all Government offices, Government PSUs, all buildings owned by Government directly or by any Government owned societies, companies, corporations or organizations. All Panchayati Raj buildings. Government organizations owned systems anywhere including on private, commercial and industrial organizations will also be eligible.
(iv)	Social sector	Community centers, welfare homes, old age homes, orphanages, common service centers, common workshops for artisans or craftsman, facilities for use of community, any other establishment for common use etc.

In (i) to (iv) above subsidy will be admissible even if the power connection is classified under industrial or commercial category.

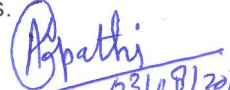
3. **Private, commercial and industrial buildings rooftops will not be covered under this subsidy** unless the solar power system is owned by a Government organization.

4. The Domestic Content Requirement (for modules made in India) will be applicable only for those installations where 15% CFA has been provided. No Domestic Content Requirement will be applicable to the industrial and commercial categories of buildings where 15% CFA is not applicable.

5. The following benefits are also available for installation of Grid Connected Rooftop and Small Solar Power Plants in the country besides, subsidy of MNRE:

- Accelerated depreciation benefits for industrial and commercial buildings
- Custom Duty Concessions and Excise Duty Exemptions
- 10 years tax holiday
- Provision of bank loans as a part of home loan/ home improvement loan
- Loans for system aggregators from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency at concessional interest rate (9.9% to 10.75%)
- Loans available upto Rs. 15 crore for renewable energy projects and upto Rs. 10 lakhs for individual loans under Priority Sector Lending.
- Bank loans as a part of home loan/ home improvement loan for rooftop solar systems

6. The 15% CFA will be provided through State Nodal Agencies, State Deptts., Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), empanelled Government agencies, PSUs of Central and State Government etc. and participating Banks.


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