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Sub: Phase II of the Grid Connected Rooftop Solar (RTS) Programme - Clarification

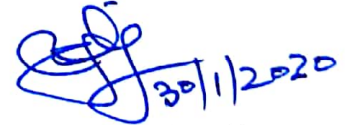
The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has received queries from various implementing agencies regarding applicability and rate of central financial assistance (CFA) under the Phase II of the Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme in the following scenario:

- (i) Whether CFA can be provided for installation of Rooftop solar in Government residence, if the government official who is occupying the Government accommodation is ready for paying the cost of RTS system, and
- (ii) Whether benchmark cost or the rates discovered by the implementing agency will be applicable for calculation of CFA in case of RTS installed through RESCO mode when the implementing agency has discovered the rates for CAPEX mode also.

2. The operational guidelines for the Phase-II of RTS says that CFA is available for the installation of RTS in residential sector buildings and there is no CFA or other financial benefit for buildings in the other sectors. Further, there is no restriction in providing CFA for installation of RTS in Government residence. Therefore, it is clarified that CFA can be provided for installation of RTS System in the government residence subject to the condition that Government Official is paying for the system and department in-charge of the building (like CPWD or PWD) has no objection for installation of RTS in the residence occupied by the Government Official.

3. Para 5.1.4 of the operational guidelines for the Phase-II of RTS clearly indicate that the CFA will be calculated as percentage of benchmark cost or cost discovered through competitive process whichever is lower. Therefore, it is hereby clarified that the rates discovered by the implementing agency through competitive bidding process or the benchmark cost, whichever is lower will be applicable for calculation of CFA under the phase II of the grid connected rooftop solar programme for the RTS installed through RESCO mode.

4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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