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

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been implementing Phase II of the grid connected rooftop solar programme under which Central Financial Assistance (CFA) only for the residential sector is provided @ 40 % of the benchmark cost or the cost discovered through the transparent bidding by the implementing agency, whichever is lower for rooftop systems upto 3 kW capacity. For system capacity beyond 3 kW and upto 10 kW CFA is provided at 20 % of benchmark cost or the cost discovered through transparent bidding. For Group Housing Societies/Residential Welfare Associations (GHS/RAW), CFA will be limited to 20% for RTS plants for supply of power to common facilities. However, the capacity eligible for CFA for GHS/RAW will be limited to 10 kW per house with maximum total capacity upto 500 kWp, inclusive of RTS put in individual houses in the GHS/RWA.

2. As per para 5.1.6 The implementing agency i.e. Discoms or its authorised agency shall invite Expression of Interest for empanelment of agencies for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of RTS system in residential premises. To ensure quality and post installation services only manufacturers of solar panels and system integrators fulfilling pre-determined technical and financial criteria would be allowed to participate in the bidding process. The selected bidders shall follow the quality control orders and standards for all components of RTS system and its installation procedure, if any, issued by MNRE from time to time. All the bidders within the price bracket of $(L1 + X\% \text{ of } L1)$ shall be empanelled. The digit "X" may be decided by the agency and should be clearly indicated while inviting Expression of Interest. The digit "X" shall not be more than 25. Further, if total no. of empanelled agencies are found to be less than 5 in the acceptable band, then the DISCOM may also include those agencies who fall in $L1+(X+5)\%$ of $L1$, provided they agree to match $L1$.

3. In this regard it is clarified that the all the bidders within the price bracket of $(L1 + X\% \text{ of } L1)$ or $L1+(X+5)\%$ of $L1$, as the case may be, shall be empanelled, provided they agree to match $L1$. That means, all empanelled bidders will match $L1$ as explained in para 5.1.6 of the guidelines. All the empanelled bidders should provide the services to the consumers at $L1$ rate which they have agreed.

4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


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