

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1898
ANSWERED ON 05/08/2025

FLOATING SOLAR AND OFF-SHORE WIND ENERGY PLANTS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has provided any financial support to set up floating Solar plants and off shore wind energy plants in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the subsidy extended through the Ministry and Power Finance companies like REC Ltd., PFC Ltd., in establishing renewable energy (RE) power plants; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to harness the RE from various RE sources in Tamil Nadu to achieve 20 Gigawatt Solar energy target by 2030?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet has approved the 'Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind energy projects' on 19.06.2024 at a total outlay of ₹ 7453 crore, including an outlay of ₹ 6853 crore for installation and commissioning of 1 GW of offshore wind energy projects (500 MW each off the coast of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu), and grant of ₹ 600 crore for upgradation of two ports to meet logistics requirements for offshore wind energy projects. The scheme guidelines for implementation of "VGF Scheme for Offshore Wind Energy Projects" issued on 11th September 2024.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has not sanctioned any floating solar plant in Tamil Nadu. However, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has financed one floating solar project with loan amount of Rs.95 crore in the Tamil Nadu

(c) & (d) The power finance companies extend loans to renewable energy (RE) projects for establishing RE capacities in the country.

The Government provides incentives through various schemes to promote RE in the country including Tamil Nadu. The details of the schemes are given at **Annexure-I**.

Various progressive steps have been taken to harness renewable energy generation in the country including Tamil Nadu, the details of which are given at **Annexure-II**.

**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
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**Incentives being provided as Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for the implementation
of major ongoing Renewable Energy Schemes/Programmes**

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| a) PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana | <p>1. Under the PMSG: MBY, the CFA for installation of Rooftop Solar in the Residential Sector is given below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">S. No.</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Type of Residential Segment</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">CFA</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">CFA (Special Category States/UTs)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Residential Sector (first 2 kWp of Rooftop Solar (RTS) capacity or part thereof)</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Rs.30,000/kWp</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Rs.33,000/kWp</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">2</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Residential Sector (with additional RTS capacity of 1 kWp or part thereof)</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Rs.18,000/kWp</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Rs.19,800/kWp</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">3</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Residential Sector (additional RTS capacity beyond 3 kWp)</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">No additional CFA</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">No additional CFA</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">4</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Group Housing Societies/ Residential Welfare Associations (GHS/RWA) etc. for common facilities including EV charging up to 500 kWp (@ 3 kWp per house)</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Rs.18,000/kWp</td><td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Rs.19,800/kWp</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. The PMSG: MBY scheme includes the provision for incentive to DISCOMs to motivate and help them in activities such as create conducive regulatory and administrative mechanisms, achieve targets for implementation. The incentive is pegged at 5% of applicable benchmark cost for capacity achieved above 10% and less than 15% of installed base capacity; 10% of the applicable benchmark cost for capacity achieved beyond 15% of installed base capacity.</p> | | | | S. No. | Type of Residential Segment | CFA | CFA (Special Category States/UTs) | 1 | Residential Sector (first 2 kWp of Rooftop Solar (RTS) capacity or part thereof) | Rs.30,000/kWp | Rs.33,000/kWp | 2 | Residential Sector (with additional RTS capacity of 1 kWp or part thereof) | Rs.18,000/kWp | Rs.19,800/kWp | 3 | Residential Sector (additional RTS capacity beyond 3 kWp) | No additional CFA | No additional CFA | 4 | Group Housing Societies/ Residential Welfare Associations (GHS/RWA) etc. for common facilities including EV charging up to 500 kWp (@ 3 kWp per house) | Rs.18,000/kWp | Rs.19,800/kWp |
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| | <p>3. To push the deployment of residential rooftop solar system (RTS) and undertake local mobilization efforts, the PMSG: MBY scheme also includes the provision for incentive to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), at the rate of Rs.1000 for every installation of RTS in residential segment in the jurisdiction of ULB/PRI, for which CFA has been transferred to consumer.</p> <p>4. Further, a fund of Rs. 800 crore has been provisioned for developing a Model Solar Village in each district of the country, with an assistance of Rs 1 crore per Model Solar Village under PMSG: MBY scheme.</p> |
| b) Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme) for grid-connected Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Projects by the Government Producers | Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support up to Rs. 55 lakhs per MW to the CPSUs/Govt. Organizations entities selected through competitive bidding process. |
| c) PLI Scheme 'National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules' | <p>The beneficiaries are eligible for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) on production and sale of solar PV modules. The quantum of PLI eligible for disbursal depends upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) quantum of sales of solar PV modules; (ii) performance parameters (efficiency and temperature coefficient of maximum power) of solar PV modules sold; and (iii) percentage of local value addition in modules sold. |
| d) Solar Park Scheme | <p>(a) Up to Rs. 25 lakhs per Solar Park, for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).</p> <p>(b) Rs. 20 lakh per MW or 30% of the project cost, whichever is lower, for development of shared infrastructure of Solar Park.</p> |
| e) PM-KUSUM scheme | <p>Component A: Setting up of 10,000 MW of Decentralized Ground/Stilt Mounted Solar Power Plants</p> <p>Benefits available: Procurement Based Incentive (PBI) to the DISCOMs @ 40 paise/kWh or Rs.6.60 lakhs/MW/year, whichever is lower, for buying solar power under this scheme. The PBI is given to the DISCOMs for a period of five years from the Commercial Operation Date of the plant. Therefore, the total PBI payable to DISCOMs is up to Rs. 33 Lakh per MW.</p> <p>Component B: Installation of 14 Lakh Stand-alone Solar Pumps</p> |

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| | <p>Benefits available: CFA of 30% of the benchmark cost or the tender cost, whichever is lower, of the stand-alone solar agriculture pump is provided. However, in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Lakshadweep and A&N Islands, CFA of 50% of the benchmark cost or the tender cost, whichever is lower, of the stand-alone solar pump is provided. Component B can also be implemented without State share of 30%. The Central Financial Assistance will continue to remain 30% and rest 70% will be borne by the farmer.</p> <p>Component C: Solarisation of 35 Lakh Grid Connected Agriculture Pumps including through Feeder Level Solarisation</p> <p>Benefits available:</p> <p>(a) Individual Pump Solarization (IPS): CFA of 30% of the benchmark cost or the tender cost, whichever is lower, of the solar PV component will be provided. However, in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Lakshadweep and A&N Islands, CFA of 50% of the benchmark cost or the tender cost, whichever is lower, of the solar PV component is provided. Component C (IPS) can also be implemented without State share of 30%. The Central Financial Assistance will continue to remain 30% and rest 70% will be borne by the farmer.</p> <p>(b) Feeder Level Solarization (FLS): Agriculture feeders can be solarized by the State Government in CAPEX or RESCO mode with CFA of Rs. 1.05 Crore per MW as provided by MNRE. However, in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Island, CFA of Rs. 1.75 crore per MW is provided.</p> |
| <p>f) Green Energy Corridor Scheme (for development of intra-state and inter-state transmission system for RE projects)</p> | <p>(a) GEC Phase-I (intra-State): CFA of 40% of DPR cost or awarded cost whichever is lower.</p> <p>(b) GEC Phase-II (Intra-State): CFA of 33% of DPR cost or awarded cost whichever is lower.</p> <p>(c) GEC Phase-II (Inter-state): CFA of 40% of DPR cost or awarded cost whichever is lower.</p> |
| g) Biomass Programme | <p>(a) For Briquette manufacturing plants: Rs. 9 Lakhs/MTPH (metric ton/hour) [Maximum CFA- Rs. 45 Lakh per project]</p> <p>(b) For Non-Bagasse Cogeneration Projects: Rs. 40 Lakhs/MW (on installed capacity) (Maximum CFA- Rs. 5 Crore per project)</p> |

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| | <p>(c) For pellet plants whose applications have been received before 16.07.2024: Rs. 9 Lakhs/MTPH (metric ton/hour) [Maximum CFA- Rs. 45 Lakh per project]</p> <p>(d) For pellet plants whose applications have been received on or after 16.07.2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. For Non-Torrefied Pellet manufacturing plant: Rs. 21 lakhs/MTPH production capacity or 30% of the capital cost considered for plant and machinery of 1 MTPH plant, whichever is lower (Maximum Rs. 105 lakhs per project) ii. For Torrefied Pellet manufacturing plant: Rs. 42 lakhs/MTPH production capacity or 30% of the capital cost considered for plant and machinery of 1 MTPH plant, whichever is lower (Maximum Rs. 210 lakhs per project) |
| h) Waste to Energy Programme | <p>(a) For Biogas generation: Rs. 0.25 crore per 12000 cum/day (Maximum CFA- Rs.5 crore/project)</p> <p>(b) For Bio-CNG/Enriched Biogas/Compressed Biogas generation: (Maximum CFA- Rs.10 crore/project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bio-CNG generation from new Biogas plant – Rs. 4 Crore per 4800 Kg/day; (ii) Bio-CNG generation from existing Biogas plant - Rs 3 Crore per 4800 Kg/day; <p>(c) For Power generation based on Biogas (Maximum CFA - Rs. 5 crore/project):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Power generation from new biogas plant: Rs. 0.75 crore per MW (ii) Power generation from existing biogas plant: Rs. 0.5 crore per MW <p>(d) For Power generation based on bio & agro-industrial waste (other than Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) through incineration process): Rs.0.40 crore/MW (Maximum CFA - Rs.5.00 Crore/Project)</p> <p>(e) For Biomass Gasifier for electricity/ thermal applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Rs. 2,500 per kW_e with dual fuel engines for electrical application ii) Rs. 15,000 per kW_e with 100% gas engines for electrical application iii) Rs. 2 lakh per 300 kW_{th} for thermal applications. |

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| | <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In case, the Waste to Energy plants are set up in Special Category States (NE Region, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the eligible CFA would be 20% higher than Standard CFA pattern given above. • Biogas/Bio-CNG/Power (biogas based) generation plants based on cattle dung as main feedstock set up by Gaushalas independently or through joint ventures/partnerships will be eligible for 20% higher CFA than Standard CFA pattern given above. These Gaushalas (Shelters) should be registered with the respective State Government. |
| i) Biogas Programme | <p>(a) Rs. 9800/- to Rs. 70,400/- per plant based on size of the plant in cubic meter for small biogas plants (1-25 cubic meter/day plant capacity)</p> <p>(b) Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 45,000/- per kilowatt for power generation and Rs. 17,500 /- to Rs. 22,500/- per kilowatt equivalent for thermal applications (25 - 2500 cubic meter/day plant capacity)</p> <p>The eligible CFA would be 20% higher than Standard CFA in for North Eastern Region (NER), Island, Registered Gaushalas and SC/ST beneficiaries.</p> |
| j) R&D programme | <p>The Ministry encourages research and technology development proposals in collaboration with the industry and provides up to 100% financial support to Government/non-profit research organizations and up to 70% to Industry, Start-ups, Private Institutes, Entrepreneurs and Manufacturing units.</p> |
| k) National Green Hydrogen Mission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIGHT programme for Electrolyser manufacturing has an allocation of ₹4,440 Crores. The incentives start from ₹4,440 per kW in the first year and end at ₹1,480 per kW in the fifth year. • SIGHT programme for Green Hydrogen production and its derivatives have an allocation of ₹13,050 Crores. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Green Hydrogen Production, incentives are capped at ₹50/kg, ₹40/kg and ₹30/kg for the first, second and third year respectively. ○ For Green Ammonia production, incentives are ₹8.82/kg in the first year of production and supply, |

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| | <p>₹7.06/kg during the second year of production and supply, and ₹5.30/kg during the third year of production and supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot projects for projects in Transport Sector have an outlay of ₹496 Crores till FY 2025-26. • Pilot projects in Shipping sector have an outlay of ₹115 Crores till FY 2025-26. • Pilot projects in Steel sector have an outlay of ₹455 Crores till FY 2029-30. • Hydrogen Hubs have an outlay of ₹200 Crores till FY 2025-26. • The R&D program of the Mission has a budget of ₹400 Crores till FY 2025-26. • Skill Development component of the Mission has an outlay of ₹35 Crores till FY 2029-30. • The Testing component of the Mission has an outlay of ₹200 Crores till FY 2025-26. • The New and Innovative Techniques and Applications for Green Hydrogen has an outlay of ₹200 Crores by FY 2025-26. | | | | | | | | |
| I) New Solar Power Scheme (for Tribal and PVTG Habitations/Villages) under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) and Dharti Aabha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA JGUA) | <table border="1" data-bbox="616 1230 1410 1814"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="616 1230 1029 1289">Components</th><th data-bbox="1029 1230 1410 1289">Central Share (100%)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="616 1289 1029 1417">Provision of 0.3 kW Solar off-grid system for 1 lakh Tribal and PVTG HHs</td><td data-bbox="1029 1289 1410 1417">Rs. 50,000 per HH or as per actual cost</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="616 1417 1029 1635">Solar street lighting and provision of lighting in 1500 MPCs of PVTG areas (<i>under PM JANMAN component only</i>)</td><td data-bbox="1029 1417 1410 1635">Rs. 1 lakh per MPC</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="616 1635 1029 1814">Solarisation of 2000 public institutions through off-grid solar systems (<i>under DA JGUA component only</i>)</td><td data-bbox="1029 1635 1410 1814">Rs 1 lakh per kW with maximum solar PV capacity of 20 kW per public institution</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Components | Central Share (100%) | Provision of 0.3 kW Solar off-grid system for 1 lakh Tribal and PVTG HHs | Rs. 50,000 per HH or as per actual cost | Solar street lighting and provision of lighting in 1500 MPCs of PVTG areas (<i>under PM JANMAN component only</i>) | Rs. 1 lakh per MPC | Solarisation of 2000 public institutions through off-grid solar systems (<i>under DA JGUA component only</i>) | Rs 1 lakh per kW with maximum solar PV capacity of 20 kW per public institution |
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Steps taken to harness Renewable Energy in the Country including Tamil Nadu

- Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued Bidding Trajectory for issuance of RE power procurement bids of 50 GW/annum by Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (REIAs) [REIAs: Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI), NTPC Limited, NHPC Limited, SJVN Limited] from FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been permitted up to 100 percent under the automatic route.
- Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) charges have been waived for inter-state sale of solar and wind power for projects to be commissioned by 30th June 2025, for Green Hydrogen Projects till December 2030 and for offshore wind projects till December 2032.
- To boost RE consumption, Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) followed by Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) trajectory has been notified till 2029-30. The RCO which is applicable to all designated consumers under the Energy Conservation Act 2001 will attract penalties on non-compliance. RCO also includes specified quantum of consumption from Decentralized Renewable Energy sources.
- Project Development Cell for attracting and facilitating investments has been set up.
- Standard Bidding Guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding process for procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar, Wind, Wind-Solar Hybrid and Firm & Dispatchable RE (FDRE) projects have been issued.
- Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules, New Solar Power Scheme (for Tribal and PVTG Habitations/Villages) under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) and Dharti Aabha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA JGUA), National Green Hydrogen Mission, Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for Offshore Wind Energy Projects have been launched.
- Scheme for setting up of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power projects is being implemented to provide land and transmission to RE developers for installation of RE projects at large scale.
- Laying of new transmission lines and creating new sub-station capacity has been funded under the Green Energy Corridor Scheme for evacuation of renewable power.
- Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 has been issued for net-metering up to five hundred Kilowatt or up to the electrical sanctioned load, whichever is lower.
- “National Repowering and Life Extension Policy for Wind Power Projects, 2023” has been issued.
- “Strategy for Establishments of Offshore Wind Energy Projects” has been issued indicating various business models for project development.

- The Offshore Wind Energy Lease Rules, 2023 have been notified vide Ministry of External Affairs notification dated 19th December 2023, to regulate the grant of lease of offshore areas for development of offshore wind energy projects.
- Standard & Labelling (S&L) programs for Solar Photovoltaic modules and Grid-connected Solar Inverters have been launched.
- To augment transmission infrastructure needed for steep RE trajectory, transmission plan has been prepared till 2030.
- “The Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules (LPS rules) have been notified.
- Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022, has been notified on 06th June 2022 with objective of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable green energy for all. Green Energy Open Access is allowed to any consumer with contract demand of 100 kW or above through single or multiple single connection aggregating Hundred kW or more located in same electricity division of a distribution licensee.
- Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) has been launched to facilitate sale of Renewable Energy Power through exchanges.
- Government has issued orders that power shall be dispatched against Letter of Credit (LC) or advance payment to ensure timely payment by distribution licensees to RE generators.
- Issuance of National Repowering & Life Extension Policy for Wind Power Projects.
- Concessional custom duty exemption on parts and sub-parts of certain components required for manufacturing of wind electric generators.
- Generation Based Incentive (GBI) is being provided to the wind projects commissioned on or before 31 March 2017.
- Technical support including wind resource assessment and identification of potential sites through the National Institute of Wind Energy, Chennai.
- A “Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for Offshore Wind Energy Projects” have been launched for installation and commissioning of 1000 MW offshore wind projects (500 MW each off the coast of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu).
- The “Maritime Spatial Planning for offshore wind farms in Tamil Nadu” carried out identifying 14 offshore wind sites.
- A tender for leasing out seabed for offshore wind energy projects off Tamil Nadu coast has been issued by Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).