

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 61
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER PANELS

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Will the Minister of New and Renewable Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring any scheme for installation of solar power panels in various Government schools and offices that would help schools to reduce their electricity bills and would allow the students to study without any trouble due to power cuts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said solar power panels are likely to be installed in the Government schools of Maharashtra?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY
AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 61 to be answered on 21.07.2022 regarding *Installation of Solar Power Panels*

(a) to (c) Provision of central financial assistance (CFA) for institutional and social sectors was available under Phase-I of Rooftop Solar Programme, which was under implementation in the country till March 2020. The cost of rooftop solar (RTS) plant has reduced to a level that installation of RTS plant is financially viable, even without any financial support, for consumers paying high electricity tariff including Government schools and offices.

Therefore, financial support for installation of RTS in all sector has been discontinued under Rooftop Solar Programme Ph-II, except for residential sector . However, under Rooftop Solar Programme Ph-II, incentives upto 5% of the benchmark cost for RTS capacity addition beyond 10% and up to 15% of the base line RTS capacity; and incentives upto 10% of the benchmark cost for RTS capacity addition beyond 15% of the base line RTS capacity is being provided to the electricity distribution companies (DISCOMs) including DISCOMs of Maharashtra State. The incentives are provided to DISCOMS for achieving RTS capacity addition in all sectors including in Government Schools and offices in a financial year above the baseline capacity as on 31st March of the previous year.

Government of Maharashtra has declared RE policy dtd. 31.12.2020 wherein renewable energy projects, including solar power projects are installed in Government establishments including Government schools within the States through different sources like District Planning Committee (DPC) fund, MP and MLA funds, local schemes funds, etc. The policy period is upto 31.03.2027. Solar panels have been installed on 1547 nos. of schools/Govt. office buildings in Maharashtra with aggregate capacity of about 15 MW during the period 31.12.2020 to 31.03.2022.
