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Govt. of India Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

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Subject: Advisory on Rooftop Solar Ph-II Scheme about cases of fraud.

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India is implementing Grid-connected Rooftop Solar Scheme (Phase-II) providing subsidy for installation of rooftop solar plant for individual household. The subsidy is 40% for the first 3 kW capacity and 20% for capacity beyond 3 kW and upto 10 kW. The scheme is being implemented in the States by local Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMs)/State Nodal Agencies (SNAs) for renewable energy.

- 2. The rates and empanelment of vendors for installation of rooftop solar have been decided through tendering process by respective DISCOMs/SNAs. The beneficiary, who wants to install the rooftop solar plant for his/her house and avail the benefit of subsidy has to get the system installed through empanelled vendor only. The list of empanelled vendors and rates discovered are notified by respective DISCOMs/SNAs. The beneficiary has to pay amount to the empanelled vendors after deducting the subsidy amount and the subsidy will be paid to the vendor by MNRE through respective DISCOM/SNA. The solar panels and other equipment to be installed by the empanelled vendors shall be as per the standard and specifications of the Ministry and also includes 5-year maintenance of the rooftop solar plant by the vendor.
- 3. It has also been brought to the notice of the Ministry that some of the empanelled vendors are charging more than the rates discovered in tender. In certain cases, the vendors are also claiming that Central Subsidy will be given to beneficiary directly and are charging complete cost of the rooftop solar plant from the beneficiaries. It has also been brought to the notice of the Ministry that some companies / vendors are setting up rooftop solar plants by claiming that they are authorized

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vendors by the Ministry. It is clarified that Ministry does not authorize any vendor, the vendors are empanelled by DISCOMs/SNAs.

4. Beneficiaries are advised to get the rooftop solar system installed only through empanelled vendor and pay cost after deducting subsidy amount. In case any vendor is involved in any fraudulent practices mentioned at para 3 above the beneficiaries are request to inform immediately to the respective DISCOM/SNA and DISCOMs/SNAs are advised to take appropriate action(s) against such vendors.

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To:

All Concerned.