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Date: 23 OCT 2024

To,
The Superintending Engineer
All O & M Circles, MSEDCL.

Sub: Bulk testing of Generation meters to be utilized for commissioning of RTS installation under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana for accelerating progress under said scheme.

Ref: 1.MoP letter No. 10/05/2022-UR&SI-II (E-263845), Dtd. 17.09.2024
2.This office letter CE(Sp. Proj./MNRE-Phase-II RTS/No 21654,dtd. 18.08.2022
3.This office letter CE(SPD)/PM KUSUM B/No. 20038, Dtd. 01.07.2024

In connection to above subject and letter as under reference 1, Ministry of Power continuously taking follow-up of progress under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana in order to achieve target of 1 crore RTS installation in country by the end of FY 2026-27. The MSEDCL itself already set target of commissioning 20 lakh RTS installations in jurisdiction area of MSEDCL.

In process various measures as per directives of MoP has been implemented such as deemed approval upto 10 KW PV capacity, processing RTS applications upto meter release order hassle-free even if arrears, registration fees, additional load estimate charges etc. not paid by applicant/consumer. The solar net meters are also provided to minimize burden on consumer. Also RTS Portal for Empanelled Vendors and MSEDCL employee deployed where vendors can upload various documents regarding work completion of RTS plant and verification thereof by MSEDCL employee will be completed digitally in order to minimize delay in physical processing of such documents. All measures implemented in order to expedite progress under above scheme and to achieve set milestone.

Presently, the generation meters for RTS installation has been procured by empanelled vendors on the behalf of consumer and get tested from testing bench available at Testing Division/ O & M Division/ Sub-Division. The guidelines already issued by this office vide letter as under reference 2 & 3. This office is in receipt of numerous complaints from empanelled vendors regarding delay incurred in testing of generation meter for more than 15 days, which delay the progress of RTS installations under PMSG: MBY.

In order to achieve target of 20 Lakhs RTS installations, it is proposed to issue following guidelines in the field regarding bulk testing on generation meter to expedite progress:-

- ❖ The Superintending Engineer of concern O & M circle has to identify vendor wise progress of RTS installations in his jurisdiction.

- ❖ Accordingly the bulk meter testing of generation meter for each empanelled vendor may be allowed for the number of meters required in future for 2 months.
- ❖ The testing of meters will be carried out as per directives of Superintending Engineer of concern O & M circle at testing bench available Testing Division/ O & M Division/ Sub-Division.
- ❖ The tested meters should be marked or stickered for utilisation of Generation meter only to ensure proper utilization in field.
- ❖ The tested generation meters have to be exclusively used for RTS installations under PMSG: MBY. The concern SDO/SO will be held responsible and strict action will be initiated against them for utilization of such generation meters elsewhere.
- ❖ The tested meters should be kept at Divisional or Sub-Divisional store location as directed by concern SE of O&M Circle.

It is requested all field officers to follow the guidelines as above.

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2. Jt. MD/Regional Director, Regional Office, MSEDCL,
Konkan/Ch. Sambhaji Nagar/Nagpur/Pune

Copy to:

The Chief Engineer, O&M Zone, All Zones.

F. No. 10/05/2022-UR&SI-II (E- 263845)

Government of India

Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg

New Delhi, Dated: 17th September, 2024

To

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Energy/ Power) of all States and UTs.

Subject: PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijlee Yojana

Sir/ Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above and in continuation of the letters issued by this Ministry dt 04.07.2024 & 18.07.2024 (**copy enclosed**), I am directed to say that Government of India has approved the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana to increase the share of solar rooftop capacity and empower consumers to generate their own electricity. The scheme aims at installation of rooftop solar for one crore households by FY2026-27.

2. The role of DISCOMs/ Power Departments is critical in successful implementation of this scheme as it involves various approvals, testing of meters and other handholding support required at the end of the DISCOMs.

3. In order to make the process hassle free for the consumers and to achieve the overall target of the scheme within stipulated timelines, amendments in Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 were notified which waived the requirement of Technical Feasibility Study for upto 10kW rooftop solar systems. The notification also provides for deemed load enhancement upto 10kW, and for signing of connection agreement, installation of meter and successful commissioning of the roof top solar system within fifteen (15) days from the date of submission of installation certificate.

4. In order to further streamline the process, the following practices should be adopted:

- i. Operationalising deemed load enhancement up to 10kW as the rules provide for deemed acceptance of applications for solar PV systems upto 10kW capacity and any commensurate enhancement of the sanctioned load of the consumer has to be done automatically.
- ii. To avoid multiple visits by the consumers to DISCOM offices, payment of RTS application fee, load enhancement charges, meter testing charges, net meter charges, commissioning fee and likewise other associated fees and charges may be collected at the time of commissioning.
- iii. All associated fees and charges to be paid may be displayed by DISCOMs on their websites.
- iv. Installation of Smart meters under RDSS should be prioritised to facilitate installation under PMSG: MBY without levying any additional charge.

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- v. DISCOMs need to maintain adequate stock of tested net-meters. The vendors may be allowed to submit net-meters for testing in a lot of up to 100 meters, so as to maintain sufficient inventory of tested net-meters which may be issued to consumers post installation of rooftop solar plants.
 - vi. To avoid delays in signing and submission of net-metering agreements DISCOMs to provide digital mode of acceptance instead of physical signing. Meanwhile, the signed copy of net-meter agreement be collected from consumer anytime before inspection and copy signed by DISCOM be handed over to consumer during commissioning.
 - vii. DISCOMs should ensure that consumer details are digitized and are made available on DISCOM portal, for easy fetch through API on portal of PMSG: MBY. The implementation of the above practices would go a long way in streamlining the installation of roof-top solar under PMSG: MBY.
5. In view of the above, it is requested to direct the concerned officials of the DISCOMs/ Power Departments to ensure early implementation of these measures. Compliance in this regard may be submitted to this Ministry by **29.09.2024**.
6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl.: As above.

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17/09/2024

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Copy to:

- 1. **Secretary, MNRE**
- 2. **CMD/ MD of DISCOMS of all States/ UTs**
- 3. **CMD REC and CMD PFC with a request to coordinate with respective States/ DISCOMs to ensure that the said directions are implemented in a timely manner.**

Also copy to: PPS to Secretary (Power)/ PSO to JS (Distribution)