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Sub: Clarification on eligibility of CFA for rooftop solar plants (with or without net metering/gross metering facility) and for declaring commissioned plant capacity w.r.t installed inverter capacity.

References have been received from different agencies on clarification regarding eligibility of CFA for rooftop solar plants wherein net-metering/DisCom NOC is awaited and also regarding inverter capacity to be considered for declaring commissioned capacity. In this regard, following clarification shall be taken into account:

1. Grid connected solar rooftop power plants with captive/hybrid consumption are also eligible for CFA under the "Grid Connected Solar Roof top Programme" (with or without net metering/gross metering). Further, the subsidy of beneficiaries shall not be withheld only due to NOC from concerned DisCom for grid connectivity. The projects wherein the plant has been installed in accordance with the MNRE scheme and quality standards (subject to satisfaction of implementing agency wherein implementing agency is SNA/SECI/expert PSU/Govt. agency to whom sanction has been given by the Ministry) and/or request has been submitted to concerned DisCom for NOC on grid connectivity, such cases shall be considered eligible for release of subsidy under the project. In such cases, a joint inspection report shall be furnished to MNRE by consumer, developer and implementing agency (SNA/SECI/expert PSU/Govt. agency), indicating that either the project is installed for captive purpose (power will not be injected into the grid) or application has been submitted to the concerned DisCom/utility for obtaining net-metering/grid connectivity.

2. In case of projects, wherein installed inverter capacity is less than the PV module array capacity, the inverter capacity shall be considered for declaring commissioned plant capacity and subsequently for release of subsidy. Similarly, for projects wherein installed inverter capacity is more than the PV module array capacity, the PV module array capacity shall be considered for declaring commissioned plant capacity and subsequently for release of subsidy.

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