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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Information related to Decentralized Solar Schemes implemented by MNRE

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM) and Rooftop Solar (RTS) Phase-II Schemes. These Schemes are implemented as per Guidelines issued by Ministry, which are available at www.mnre.gov.in. Further, Guidelines of any new Scheme in the decentralized solar space, launched by the Government in future, would be also be made available on this portal.

- 2. Although the Guidelines of the above Scheme clearly provide information on implementation and application processes, queries have been received regarding provisions of these Schemes and related processes, which seem to have arisen out of false information available on the web and pushed through mediums such as emails, WhatsApp messages etc.
- 3. With the above background, it is hereby clarified that:
- Ministry does not approve or empanel the vendors/suppliers/ installers/ channel partners under these Schemes. Vendors are empaneled by the State Implementation Agencies based on a State level or a centralized tender.
- Ministry does not invite or approve applications from prospective beneficiaries for installation of solar pumps, solar rooftop systems, solar power plants (off-grid and gridconnected), solar lighting systems and solarization of existing agriculture pumps. Applications are invited by the State Implementation Agencies under the Scheme. Details of such agencies are available at www.pmkusum.mnre.gov.in for PM-KUSUM Scheme and www.solarrooftop.gov.in for Solar Rooftop Scheme.
- Ministry does not ask beneficiaries, vendors or any other stakeholder to deposit any kind of fee or beneficiary share with the Ministry for any of its Scheme. Any such claims or requests very likely originate from fraudulent person/groups.
- Ministry does not empanel testing centers for testing of systems to be installed under these Schemes. For eligibility of testing centers to test the systems and issuance of certificates, please refer OM No. 3-2/2015-16(R&D) dated 07.12.2017 on "Lab Policy for Testing, Standardization and Certification of Renewable Energy Sector".
- Ministry does not approve any model or make of solar applications like standalone solar pumps, rooftop solar plants, solar street lights, off-grid solar power plants, solar study lamps etc. Specifications issued by the Ministry for such applications are available on the portal www.mnre.gov.in.
- With the above clarified, all stakeholders are requested to be cautious about any misleading claims by any person or parties claiming to be representative of either MNRE, any of its officers or its agencies/ institutions. All are requested to carefully read the guidelines and specifications issued by the Ministry and available on its website.