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To,

The Secretary,

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE),

Atal Akshaya Urja Bhawan,

CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003

Subject: Addressing Shortages and Pricing Issues of DCR Modules in PM Surya Ghar Yojana

Dear Sir,

I am writing to draw your attention to a pressing issue that is significantly impacting the implementation and credibility of the PM Surya Ghar Yojana. **Over the past two months, there has been a notable shortage of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) modules, leading to delays in project execution and eroding the trust of consumers and vendors alike.** Several prominent brands have failed to supply the promised modules, leaving vendors unable to fulfil commitments made to consumers. This situation has created widespread frustration and is tarnishing the image of this critical scheme.

While manufacturers in India claim a cell production capacity of 6 GW, with an additional 15 GW reportedly ready for commissioning, this capacity does not seem to translate into real-time supply. Instead, manufacturers are citing concerns over "lower demand" to justify delays in production. This discrepancy raises critical questions about their operational efficiency and alignment with the market's needs.

A significant issue is the high price difference between DCR and non-DCR modules. The cost disparity of approximately ₹10/Wp makes projects economically unviable, particularly for installations exceeding 5 kW. This pricing gap is a severe hindrance to the scheme's goal of making solar energy affordable and accessible.

Furthermore, the activation of the DCR verification portal, while intended to enhance transparency, seems to have amplified the problem. **Since its launch, shortages have become more pronounced, and pricing inconsistencies remain unchecked.** It is imperative to investigate whether the portal has inadvertently exposed bottlenecks or inefficiencies in the supply chain.

In light of these issues, I respectfully urge the MNRE to take the following actions:

- **Hold Manufacturers Accountable:** Enforce strict timelines and performance benchmarks for manufacturers to ensure timely supply of DCR modules.

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- **Investigate Pricing Disparities:** Address the ₹10/Wp price gap between DCR and non-DCR modules by identifying root causes and implementing measures to reduce costs.
- **Streamline the DCR Verification Portal:** Review the operational effectiveness of the portal and address any bottlenecks impacting module supply.
- **Promote Transparency and Communication:** Establish a platform for regular updates and feedback from manufacturers, vendors, and stakeholders to ensure alignment.

The PM Surya Ghar Yojana is a flagship initiative with the potential to revolutionize solar adoption across India. However, ***The flip-flops in DCR modules supply is causing delays in the scheme, raising concerns and potential disputes between vendors and consumers. Additionally, the sudden price hike exacerbates these issues.*** Given the scheme's objective to support Indian manufacturers and boost residential solar installations, with a government investment of ₹75,000 crore, transparency and control over manufacturers are imperative. ***Without these measures, manufacturers may exploit the scheme, leading to adverse impacts on other stakeholders.***

Hence, without immediate intervention, these challenges could undermine its objectives and public trust. I trust that the MNRE will address these issues with urgency and ensure the scheme's success.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing positive developments in resolving these challenges.

Yours sincerely,

For Renewable Energy Association of Rajasthan (REAR)

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