## **Scheme For Off-Grid and Decentralized Solar Cooker Programme - 2014**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Nodal Agency	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
Applicable Technologies	Off-grid and decentralized solar cooking system.
Policy Period	12th Five Year Plan.
Targets under Policy	Not available
Incentive Amount	• Capital subsidy of 30% of the benchmark cost would be available for general category states and 60% for special category states, viz. NE, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The incentive is also extended to remote and difficult areas of Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and districts on India's international borders, with 60% subsidy.
	• CFA of 30% would be given for projects/systems set up on open tender basis by SNA/SECI/PSUs/FI/government organizations, or 30% of benchmark cost, whichever is lower.
	• Upto 3% of CFA would be admissible as service charges to state nodal agencies, SECI/NHB/IREDA or other govt. agencies etc. This would be provided by MNRE, in addition to the CFA.
	• A one-time additional support of Rs.15,000/year will be provided to those manufactures/suppliers/channel partners who are BIS certified, to meet the cost involved in the BIS certification/renewal process, and who have achieved a minimum target of 500 solar cookers in a year.
Eligibility Conditions	Off-grid and decentralized cooking systems of any size/number, implemented in urban and rural areas.
	• R&D work related to development of new material solar cookers for solar online monitoring, software development, establishment of testing facilities, state specific studies on potential assessment, system package development, policy development, engagement of consultants, seminars/workshops, capacity building and training, awareness campaigns, preparation of literature/guidelines, innovative projects, IT enabled monitoring mechanisms, evaluation and other studies etc.

Implementing and Monitoring Agencies	<ul> <li>Through state nodal agencies, SECI, system integrators/channel partners, large PSUs/govt. agencies.</li> <li>It is proposed to have a three-tier monitoring and evaluation system involving an implementing agency as first tier, third party inspecting agency as second tier (inspection proposed on stratified sampling basis), and random checking by Ministry as third tier.</li> </ul>
Tax Exemptions	Not available
Additional Information	The scheme document provides more details on the technical requirements

Links	http://mnre.gov.in/schemes/offgrid/solar-pv/scheme-19/
References	_
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