

## **COMMUNIQUE**

### **SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC REBATE SCHEME FOR COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES** *under the* **THE CEB SMALL SCALE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION (SSDG) SCHEME**

The Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division) in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities and the Central Electricity Board (CEB) is implementing the Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme for Cooperatives in Mauritius and Rodrigues. The Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme is being operated under the same principle as the existing Small Scale Distributed Generation (SSDG) Net Metering Scheme of the CEB.

The objective of the Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme is to allow cooperatives to produce electricity from solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Under this Scheme, cooperative federations and societies are entitled to install solar PV of an allowed capacity of a maximum of 2 kilowatt peak (kWp) for electricity supply having a declared electrical load less or equal to 20 kVA and a maximum of 5 kWp for electricity supply having a declared electrical load above 20 kVA and accordingly benefit from a one-off grant of Rs25,000 for each kWp of solar PV installed. The remaining costs and related expenses for the project are to be borne by the Cooperative Society/Federation.

#### **Mode of Application**

Application forms are available at:

Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, LIC Centre, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis.

Website of the Ministry (<http://cooperatives.govmu.org>)

Regional Cooperative Centres

Commission for Child Development and Others (Cooperatives Division), Human Resource Centre, Malabar, Rodrigues

CEB Customer Service Offices, Mauritius and Rodrigues

SSDG Unit, Central Electricity Board, Curepipe

CEB Website (<http://ceb.intnet.mu>)

Interested cooperatives are requested to consult the CEB website or contact the SSDG Unit, CEB Curepipe (Phone No. 601-1100) for the technical aspects and any other information on the Scheme. Cooperatives shall ensure that the SSDG installations comply with all conditions set out in the SSDG Net-Metering Grid Code (available on CEB website).

The duly completed application form, with all required documents, have to be submitted in person by the society to the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, LIC Centre, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis for cooperatives in Mauritius and to the Commission for Child Development and Others (Cooperatives Division), Human Resource Centre, Malabar, Rodrigues for cooperatives in Rodrigues.

The CEB shall accept applications from the Cooperative Sector (on a first come first served basis) until a maximum cumulative capacity of **100 kW** and **25 kW** of solar PV installations is attained for Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively under this Solar Photovoltaic Rebate Scheme and the Green Energy Scheme for Cooperatives which was previously operational. Thereafter another communiqué will be issued in this respect.

**Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division)**

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