

16th October, 2014

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Energy Department,
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Respected Sir,

We are pleased to enclose herewith our **Memorandum - on Renewable Energy** for your kind perusal. The memorandum has been formulated after garnering the views and suggestions of Renewable Energy Industry throughout the State of Karnataka.

We request you to kindly consider the suggestions in the interest of the RE business community and oblige.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**Ramesh Shivanna
President
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Encl: as above

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Respected Sir,

Sub: Memorandum on Renewable Energy .

1. Several states like Maharashtra, Kerala are providing local VAT exemption/very low sales tax for Renewable Energy Products to promote the solar Industry. We request you to recommend tax exemption to Govt to promote the Industry. Earlier in Karnataka was also not charging the Sales tax. Requested to re-introduce the same which will boost the implementation of Renewable energy products.
2. As in the case of solar water heating system rebate of Rs.50.00 per month given by ESCOMs. Accordingly we request to implement similar benefit to consumer for PV installation for both off grid & on grid solar installation.
3. The other states like A.P., Kerala & T.N are providing 20% subsidy for solar roof top installation for domestic usage. We request you to provide similar kind of benefit to our Karnataka consumers also.
4. KREDL should call for interactive meeting with association including manufacturers/integrators once in 3 months to discuss the ongoing schemes and related issues which is not happening. This will develop the Renewable sector in our state effectively.
5. We request to mandate and implement Roof top solar power plant in all Govt buildings as implemented in Tamilnadu and Chhattisgarh.
6. We request you to issue the directive for all commercial buildings to use Renewable energy upto 10% of their total consumption.
7. The Mandatory of solar Thermal and PV are not implementing effectively for High rise building & apartments.
8. Bio Fuel power tariff needs to be enhanced and request government to recomand this to regulatory commission to promote in the state. If it is enhanced this will benifit the Bio fuel industry

9. We recommend implementing Solar – Wind hybrid systems implementation along with net-metering policy.
10. While framing policy guidelines kindly consider the feedback of industry expertise for effective implementation of Hydro, Solar, Bio Mass, Bio Fuel, Solar Thermal and other host of renewable energy sources.
11. We understand that our state government is contemplating to increase the budget on Renewable energy sector every year, we request to take industry feedback on fund allocation and budget guidelines.
12. Our humble request to include our association experts for the upcoming budget for Renewable energy fund allocation.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

**Ramesh Shivanna
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