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CEED welcomes the New Solar Policy 2017 by the Uttar Pradesh Government

Solar policy shall pave way for a 100% energy sufficient Uttar Pradesh

Lucknow, December 7 2017: CEED welcomes the Solar Policy 2017, passed by the Uttar Pradesh state cabinet on December 05, 2017. The policy has come just in time to bolster the energy growth in the state. Uttar Pradesh is blessed with sunshine all throughout the year and this policy has reassured the state government's vision with that of the national target. This policy aims to set up 10,700 MW of grid connected solar in the state by FY2022, which in turn offsets the carbon emissions of the country by 13,669,250 t/CO₂ per year. As one of the highest set targets in the country, this policy will encourage more investment into the sector, thereby improving the state's economic outlook.

Congratulating the UP state cabinet for this breakthrough intervention, Mr. Ramapati Kumar, CEO at CEED said, "The creation of 10,000 'Surya Mitras' is a novel concept introduced by the state, which will help increase awareness and build trust of the masses towards the solar technology. The set target of 10,700 MW will result in thousands of direct and indirect jobs in the state, that will come across as a blessing to the employment sector. The provision of Rs. 15,000 subsidy per kilo-watt upto Rs.30,000 per customer is an added benefit to the residential customers who are looking to put up rooftop solar power plants on their houses."

"In November 2016, CEED released a Public Manifesto for the elected government under its ongoing 100% UP Campaign, where one of the prime demands of the manifesto was to formulate a concrete solar policy in congruence with the targets set by the Central Government. Talking further about the 100% UP Campaign and the recent policy, Mr. Kumar further added that "We are grateful that the state government has taken note of our demands and introduced this policy. The set target of 4,300 MW by 2022 under the new policy, specifically for rooftop solar projects, is an ambitious and welcome move as it will deter the use of diesel generators by residential and commercial consumers, that has been one of the major causes of air pollution in major cities of the state."

Mr. Kumar concluded that "The UPNEDA must come out with clear guidelines on implementation, so that this set target of 10,700 MW is achieved in the given time-frame. CEED shall be happy and grateful to engage and assist the government in order to pave the roadmap for implementation strategies and guidelines for the policy."

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