

Respected Commissioner,

I am writing to express my objection and sincerely request you to kindly reconsider the proposed reduction in tariff under the PM-KUSUM scheme.

While the reduction in GST from 12% to 5% may appear beneficial on paper, in practical terms it will not significantly ease the overall cost burden for farmers. Instead, lowering the tariff further may dilute the scheme's main objective of supporting farmers with stable and viable income from solar power generation.

Farmers already face rising costs in multiple areas such as equipment, installation, maintenance, repair, interest on loans, and service support. In addition, inflation continues to affect labor charges, transportation, spare parts, and other operational expenses. For many farmers, the upfront investment and recurring costs remain the real challenge, and the limited tax benefit is unlikely to fully offset these pressures.

If the tariff is reduced further, the project economics may become less attractive to farmers and this could ultimately defeat the purpose of PM-KUSUM, which is meant to strengthen farmer income, promote energy security, and encourage wider adoption of solar power in rural areas.

I therefore humbly request that the tariff reduction proposal may kindly be reviewed with a farmer-centric approach, keeping in mind the ground realities of inflation, financial stress, and long-term sustainability of the projects.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Sincerely,
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