

Norms for rooftop solar panels in houses eased

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Lucknow: The UP housing department has issued a notification allowing installation of solar panels on houses' rooftops. The relaxation will be granted to all properties including residential, commercial and institutional buildings and units.

The order circulated among 29 development authorities says that rooftop solar panel installations up to 4.5-metre will not be calculated with the building height. The building height will be calculated as per the usable area and not the tallest structure on the terrace.

Additional chief secretary of housing department, Nitin Ramesh Gokarn shared the order with the vice-chairmen of development authorities, housing commissioner and chairpersons of special development authorities in the state recently for implementation.

Lucknow Development Authority vice-chairman Indramani Tripathi



Installation gets easier

said an FAR of 1.75 is being offered to owners of plots up to 200 metres. "Similarly, different FAR is applicable for other property segments as per plot size. The exemption will be granted for other developments too," said Tripathi.

The by-laws of 2008, officials revealed, allowed only a third of the rooftop space to be used for installation of solar panels, head of staircase, storeroom, room or other structures. "Besides FAR calculation, the area under the solar panel can be used now," said the officer.