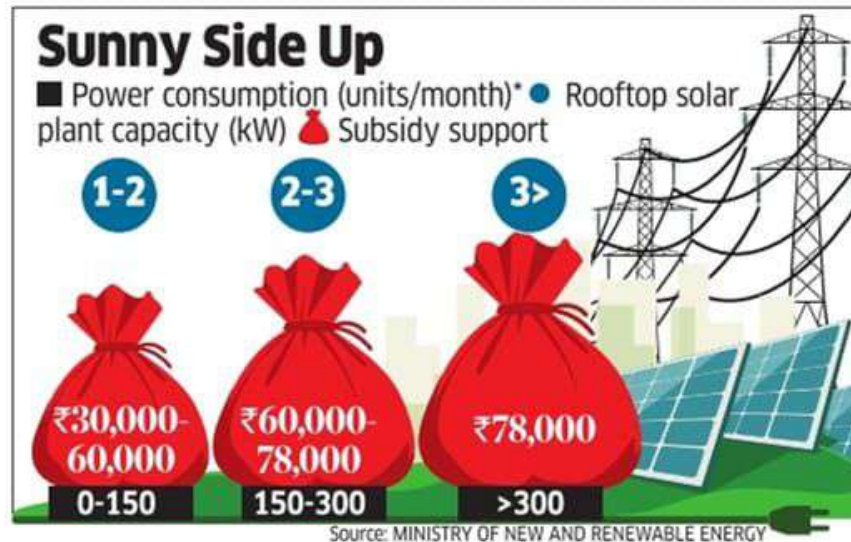


TARGET: 10M HOME INSTALLATIONS BY 2027

Budget Shines a Light on Rooftop Solar Scheme



FY26 allocation for programme increased by 80% to ₹20,000 crore

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New Delhi: The government has increased the budget for the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana by 80% to ₹20,000 crore for FY26, in a major push for its flagship rooftop solar programme announced last year.

The revised estimate for FY25 for the budget was ₹11,100 crore.

The government plans to take rooftop solar installations to 10 million households by FY27 from the current 800,000. "The initiative will drive widespread solar adoption, empower citizens with cleaner energy solutions, and strengthen India's overall energy security," said Simar-

preet Singh, executive director and CEO, Hartek Group.

The scheme, launched in February 2024, aims to enable 10 million households to generate their own electricity with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore. While installations under the scheme have risen substantially compared with the earlier rooftop scheme, there are many areas of improvement that could help reduce the time taken for loan and subsidy disbursements, a senior government official had said in October.

The government is confident of meeting the target of 10 million households by 2026-27 and expects installations at a faster pace once bottlenecks are removed.

The scheme offers a subsidy of up to 40% to households, making renewable energy more affordable and accessible. The initiative empowers millions to adopt clean energy, reinforcing India's commitment to sustainable development and energy innovation.