

**SRI LANKA TEA BOARD**  
Tea Commissioner's Division  
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03

Ref: TB/TC/CIR/SOLAR - (352) 2025

27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

All Registered Tea Manufacturers and Tea Exporters.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF INTEREST SUBSIDY FOR  
INSTALLATION OF "ROOF TOP SOLAR POWER SYSTEM" FOR GENERATION  
OF ELECTRICITY AT TEA FACTORIES / TEA EXPORTER WAREHOUSES BY  
REGISTERED TEA FACTORIES (RPCS, GOV. OWNED AND PRIVATE) / TEA  
EXPORTERS - 2025**

**1.0 Introduction :**

It has been realized that solar energy can be generated at a lower cost by installing solar power panels at the roof top of tea factories and tea exporter warehouses since a considerable amount of money is spent and costs incurred from the national grid in tea production process. (0.75 to 1 kwhr /1kg) The payback period of such solar power project is considered to be around 7 years. This will offer a significant relief to the tea industry, as it has a positive impact on green environment by reducing the pollution and greenhouse effect which can also be used for global tea promotion within a USP of promoting sustainable Ceylon tea supply chain. Budgetary provision out of the Tea Board funds for the year 2025 is available to be utilized as subsidy payments to Registered Tea Manufacturers and Tea Exporters who intend to install solar panel on the roof top of their tea factories and warehouses respectively.

**2.0 The interest subsidy will be granted under following condition.**

- (i) Tea manufacturers and tea exporters registered in Sri Lanka Tea Board are eligible for this scheme.
- (ii) Tea Factories and Exporter warehouses should be in operation
- (iii) Manufacturer should not have violated /contravened the provisions in the section 8.2 of Tea Control Act No 51 of 1957. In case of Tea Exporter should not have violated /contravene the Tax and control of export - Act No 16 Of 1959
- (iv) The maximum loan amount to be granted the subsidy scheme for Rs.30 million.
- (v) If it is a leased property, the lease period should be exceeded the loan repayment period.
- (vi) The capacity of the solar system for which the interest subsidy is granted will be either factory electricity consumption when it is fully operated or electricity consumption as twice as maximum monthly consumption
- (vii) Any penalty on interest will not be paid by the board.
- (viii) If the solar system is abandoned or not in operation the reimbursement interest subsidy will be terminated.
- (ix) In case of tea factories the calculation of electricity consumption is based on a TRI recommendations taking energy consumption as 0.75 kwhr / per 1kg of made tea. In case of tea exporters, the energy consumption is calculated based on monthly consumption as (vi)

- (x) The solar project could be financed either from a selected bank or by using the company's own funds. 3% of the loan capital would be granted as a subsidy by the Sri Lanka Tea Board against the bank loan or directly to the company.
- (xi) The Supplier of Solar Power System should be registered under Sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka
- (xii) When the Energy Production is higher than the requirement of the factory or warehouse, the subsidy will be granted only for project component which meet the factory/warehouse energy requirement.
- 3.0** By a written request to Tea Commissioner, factories and exporters will be listed and get entered to the project. Those factories and exporters which haven't requested yet, should forward their request before 15 February 2025, through the e-mail address [tcdgeneral@pureceylontea.com](mailto:tcdgeneral@pureceylontea.com).
- 4.0** Once you are short listed upon the request you made, you will be informed. There after the fully filled application attached herewith,(Registered Tea Manufactures – TB/TC/SOLAR/MF-AP , Registered Tea Exporters TB/TC/SOLAR/EX-APP) should be submitted along with the letters of approval as mention therein.
- 5.0** Once the application is received by Tea Commissioner, arrangements will be made to conduct the necessary inspections to verify the information in the application.
- 6.0** The Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners and their areas of authority are as follows.

**Regional Assistant Tea Commissioner**

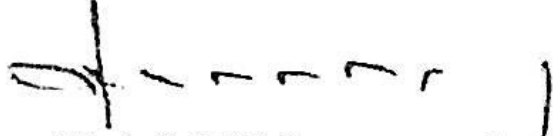
	<b>Areas of authority</b>
1. Assistant Tea Commissioner Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road, Bandarawela. Tel/Fax 057-2222812	Badulla / Monaragala Districts
2. Assistant Tea Commissioner Walahanduwa watta, Walahanduwa, Galle. Tel/Fax 091-2232052	Galle District
3. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 140, Ambagamuwa Road, Gampola. Tel/Fax 081-2352279	Kandy/Matale Districts
4. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 23, Aluth Mawatha, Uyanwatte, Matara Tel/Fax 041-2222636	Matara/Hambanthota Districts
5. Assistant Tea Commissioner No. 10, Kellegala, Nanuoya Road, Nuwara Eliya. Tel 052-2234695 / -2234568 Fax 052-2234686	Nuwara Eliya District

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| 6. | Assistant Tea Commissioner<br>61/1, New Town,<br>Ratnapura. Tel/Fax 045-2222136                             | Ratanpura /Kegalle Districts                                    |
| 7. | Assistant Tea Commissioner<br>Wathurana Road,<br>Baduraliya. Tel/Fax: 034-2247444                           | Kalutara / Galle Districts –<br>(Elpitiya secretariat) Division |
| 8. | Assistant Tea Commissioner (Tea Exports)<br>574, Galle Road, Colombo 03.<br>Tel. 0112587814 Fax 011 2584844 | For Tea Exporters   |

Providing false or information known to be false is a punishable offence under section 41 of the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957 as amended. Apart from being punishable under the aforesaid act, providing false information will immediately disqualify the RPC/ Registered Tea Manufacture/ Tea Exporter for the subsidy.

Information regarding this subsidy scheme could be obtained from the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Regulatory).

- i. **Deputy Tea Commissioner (Regulatory)**  
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03  
Tel: 071-8286348/011-2587814 (Ex:1244)

  
**K.A.M.K. Jayawardena**  
**Tea Commissioner**

**Copies:**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
2. Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
3. Chairman, Tea Research Institute
4. Chairman, Tea Small Holdings Development Authority
5. Chairman, State Plantation Corporation
6. Chairman, Janatha Estate Development Board
7. Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Factory Owners' Association.
8. Chairman, Planters' Association
9. Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
10. Chairman, Federation of Tea Small Holdings Development Society
11. Chairman, Tea Exporters' Association.
12. Chairman, Colombo Brokers' Association.
13. Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
14. Director, Tea Research Institute
15. Superintendent –Government Auditor –SLTB
16. Internal Auditor, SLTB
17. Deputy Tea commissioner (Regulatory/Development/Export)
18. Assistant Tea Commissioners – Please issue copies to all RTDO's, Tea Instructors/Inspectors  
(Galle/Matara/Mathugama/Bandarawla/Rathnapura/Nuwara Eliya/Gampola)

**SUBSIDY APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER SYSTEM ON THE  
ROOF TOP OF WAREHOUSES**

1) Name of the export company and the registration No:
2) Address:
3) Telephone No: ..... E-mail..... Fax.....
4) Registration number of the warehouse:
5) Total amount of loan applied for:
6) Name and the Branch of the Bank from which the loan is applied:
7) Name of the account and number of the account:
8) Supplier of solar power system and registered number at the Sustainable Energy Authority:
9) Letter of approval from the Electricity Board for the solar project- (A copy should be attached):
10) Quotation of the supplier for supplying the solar system: (Copy should be attached)
11) Monthly average electricity consumption: (Average Consumption of last 6 months of the year 2021) ( Electricity bills should be attached)
12) Project period (Maximum is 7 years):
13) Capacity of the transformer installed at the factory:
14) Has the bank agreed to release the above loan: (Copy of the approval letter should be attached)

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

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Date

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Signature of the Registered Tea Exporter

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2) ලියාපදිංචි තේ නිෂ්පාදකගේ නම සහ ලිපිනය :
3) දුරකථන අංකය :
4) ඉල්ලුම් කරන ණය මුදල :
5) ණය මුදල ඉල්ලුම් කළ බැංකුව සහ බැංකු ශාඛාව :
6) ගිණුමේ නම සහ ගිණුම් අංකය :
7) සූර්ය බල ශක්ති සපයන ආයතනයේ නම සහ ලියාපදිංචි අංකය :
8) විදුලිබල මණ්ඩලයේ අනුමැතිය සහිත ලිපියේ (ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා) පිටපතක් ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබේද ? ඔව්/නැත (තිබේනම් පිටපතක් අමුණා තිබිය යුතුය)
9) සැපයුම්කාර ආයතනය විසින් ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා ලබා දුන් මිල ගණන කොපමණ ද? (මිල ගණන් පත්‍රිකාවේ පිටපතක් අමුණා තිබිය යුතුය)
10) මසක සාමාන්‍ය පාරිභෝජන විදුලි ඒකක ගණන : (පසුගිය වසරේ අවසන් මාස 06 සාමන්‍ය අගය)
11) ව්‍යාපෘති කාලය (උපරිම වසර 7 ක්) :
12) කම්හලේ සවි කර ඇති ට්‍රාන්ස්පෝමරයේ ධාරිතාවය :
13) ඉල්ලුම් කරන ලද ණය මුදල නිදහස් කිරීමට බැංකුව විසින් ඒකභතාවය පල කර තිබේ ද ? - ඔව්/නැත (ඒකභතාවය පල කර ඇත්නම් කොන්දේසි සහිත ලිපියේ පිටපතක් අමුණා තිබිය යුතුය)

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