

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

Ref: TB/TC/SOLAR(352)-2026

22nd December 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 - 2026

1. Introduction:

It has been recognized that solar energy can be generated at a lower cost by installing solar power panels on the rooftops of tea factories and tea exporter warehouses, as a considerable amount of expenditure is currently incurred on electricity drawn from the national grid during the tea production process (approximately 0.75 to 1 kWh per 1 kg of tea). The payback period for such solar power projects is estimated to be around seven years.

This initiative will provide significant relief to the tea industry while also contributing positively to environmental sustainability by reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, it can be leveraged for global tea promotion by positioning it as a unique selling proposition (USP) that highlights a sustainable Ceylon tea supply chain.

Budgetary provisions from Tea Board funds for the year 2026 are available to be utilized as subsidy payments to Registered Tea Manufacturers and Registered Tea Exporters who intend to install solar panels on the rooftops of their tea factories and warehouses, respectively.

2. 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. 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 **31st January 2026**, through the e-mail address tcdgeneral@pureceylontea.com.

4. Once you are shortlisted based on your request, you will be informed accordingly. Thereafter, the duly filled application (application attached herewith – Registered Tea Manufacturers: TB/TC/SOLAR/MF-AP; Registered Tea Exporters: TB/TC/SOLAR/EX-APP) should be submitted along with the letters of approval as mentioned therein.

5. Upon receipt of the application by the Tea Commissioner, necessary arrangements will be made to conduct inspections to verify the information provided in the application.

6. The Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners and their areas of authority are as follows:

Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners

Areas of Authority

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| 1. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road,
Bandarawela. Tel/Fax: 0572222812
E mail: atcbandarawela@pureceylontea.com | Badulla/Monaragale Districts |
| 2. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Walchanduwawatte, Galle
Tel/ Fax: 091-2232052
Email: atcgalle@pureceylontea.com | Galle District (except Elpitiya
Divisional secretariat area) |
| 3. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No. 140, Ambagamuwa Road,
Gampola. Tel/Fax: 081-2352279
Email: atcgampola@pureceylontea.com | Kandy/ Hambantota Districts |
| 4. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No. 23, New Lane, Uyanwatte, Matara
Tel/Fax: 041-2222636
Email: atcmatara@pureceylontea.com | Matara/ Hambanthota Districts |
| 5. Assistant Tea Commissioner
61/1, New Town,
Ratnapura. Tel/Fax: 045-2222136
Email: atcratnapura@pureceylontea.com | Ratnapura District

Kegalle District |

6. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Wathurana Road, Baduraliya
Tel/Fax: 034-2247444
Email: atcmathugama@pureceylontea.com

Kalutara District,

Galle district (Elpitiya
divisional secretariat area)

7. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No. 10, Nanuoya Road,
Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya
Tel/: 052-2234695/ Fax: 0522234686
Email: atcnuwaraeliya@pureceylontea.com

Nuwara Eliya District

8. Assistant Tea Commissioner (Tea Exports)
574, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Tel. 0112587814 Fax 011 2584844
Email: exports@pureceylontea.com

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).

Deputy Tea Commissioner (Regulatory)
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03
Tel: 0112587448 / 2587814 (Ex:1245)


K A M K Jayawardena
Tea Commissioner

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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 Owner's Association
8. Chairman, Planter's Association
9. Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
10. Chairman, Federation of Tea Small Holdings Development Society
11. Chairman, Tea Exporter's 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/ Matugama/ Bandarawela/ Ratnapura/ Nuwara eliya/ Gampola)

