

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

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

05th October 2026

All Registered Tea Manufacturers and Tea Exporters.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 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-2027

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. This would help reduce the considerable expenditure currently incurred on electricity supplied through the national grid during the tea production process, which is approximately 0.75–1 kWh per kilogram of made tea. The repayment period for the subsidy provided for such solar power projects is estimated to be a maximum of 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 2027 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 the following conditions.

- I. Tea manufacturers and tea exporters registered with the Sri Lanka Tea Board shall be eligible to participate in this scheme.
- II. The relevant tea factory or tea exporter's warehouse shall be operational.
- III. Tea manufacturers shall not have violated or contravened the provisions of Section 8(2) of the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957. In the case of tea exporters, the applicant shall not have violated or contravened the provisions of the Tea (Tax and Control of Export) Act No. 16 of 1959.
- IV. The maximum loan amount eligible under the subsidy scheme shall be Rs. 30 million.
- V. In the case of a leased property, the remaining lease period shall exceed the loan repayment period.
- VI. The capacity of the solar power system eligible for the interest subsidy shall be determined based on either the electricity consumption of the factory when operating at full capacity or twice the maximum monthly electricity consumption, as applicable.
- VII. Any penalties or additional interest arising from delays or defaults in loan repayments shall not be borne by the Sri Lanka Tea Board.
- VIII. If the installed solar power system is abandoned or ceases to be operational, the subsidy shall be discontinued.

- IX. In the case of tea factories, electricity consumption shall be calculated based on the recommendations of the Tea Research Institute (TRI), using an energy consumption rate of 0.75 kWh per kilogram of made tea. In the case of tea exporters, electricity consumption shall be calculated based on the monthly consumption as specified under (vi) above.
- X. The solar power project may be financed through a bank selected by the applicant. The Sri Lanka Tea Board shall provide an subsidy equivalent to 3% of the loan capital to the relevant bank, subject to the conditions of the scheme.
- XI. The supplier of the solar power system shall be registered with the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA).
- XII. Where the energy generated by the solar power system exceeds the electricity requirement of the factory or warehouse, the subsidy shall be granted only for the portion of the project corresponding to the actual energy requirement of the respective factory or warehouse.

3. By a written request to the 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 **05th November 2026**, through the e-mail address tdgeneral@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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| i. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road,
Bandarawela.Tel/Fax 057-2222812 | Badulla /Monaragala Districts |
| ii. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Walahanduwa Watta,Walahanduwa
Galle. Tel/Fax 091-2232052 | Galle District
(Except Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area) |
| iii. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 140, Ambagamuwa Road,
Gampola. Tel/Fax 081-2352279 | Kandy/Matale Districts |
| iv. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 23, New Lane, Uyanwatta,
Matara. Tel/Fax 041-2222636 | Matara District
Hambanthota District |
| v. Assistant Tea Commissioner
61/1, New Town,
Rathnapura. Tel/Fax 045-2222136 | Ratnapura District
Kegalle District |

vi. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Wathurana Road,
Baduraliya. Tel/Fax: 034-2247444

Kalutara District
Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional
Secretariat area)

vii. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 10, Nanuoya Road,
Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya.
Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686

Nuwara Eliya District

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

- Copies : (1) Secretary, Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
(2) Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
(3) Chairman, Tea Small Holding Development Authority (Pl. copy this to your Regional Managers)
(4) Chairman, Tea Research Institute
(5) Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Factory Owners Association
(6) Chairman, Janatha Estate Development Board
(7) Chairman, Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation
(8) Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
(9) Chairman, Colombo Brokers Association
(10) Chairman, Planter's Association of Ceylon
(11) Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board
(12) Director, Tea Research Institute
(13) Chief Internal Auditor, SLTB
(14) Superintendent – Government Audit Division
(15) Deputy Tea Commissioners (Development/Regulatory/Export)
(16) All Assistant Tea Commissioners– Please issue copies to Tea Instructor/Inspectors

**SUBSIDY APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER SYSTEM ON THE
ROOF TOP OF THE EXPORTER WAREHOUSES-2027**

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) The name and branch of the bank where you applied for the loan:
7) Name of the Loan account:
8) Bank account details for the payment of the subsidy: I. Account Number: II. Account Name: III. Name of the Bank and Branch:
9) Supplier of solar power system and registered number at the Sustainable Energy Authority:
10) Letter of approval from the Electricity Board for the solar project- (A copy should be attached):
11) Quotation of the supplier for supplying the solar system: (Copy should be attached)
12) Monthly average electricity consumption: (Average Consumption of last 6 months of the year 2021) (Electricity bills should be attached)
13) Project period (Maximum is 7 years):
14) Capacity of the transformer installed at the factory:
15) 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 / ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා වැය කල මුදල :
5) ණය මුදල ඉල්ලුම් කළ බැංකුව සහ බැංකු ශාඛාව :
6) ගිණුමේ නම සහ ගිණුම් අංකය :
7) සහනාධාර මුදල් ලබාදිය යුතු I බැංකු ගිණුම් අංකය : II ගිණුමේ නම : III බැංකුව හා බැංකු ශාඛාව:
8) සූර්ය බල ශක්ති සපයන ආයතනයේ නම සහ ලියාපදිංචි අංකය :
9) විදුලිබල මණ්ඩලයේ අනුමැතිය සහිත ලිපියේ (ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා) පිටපතක් ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබේද ? ඔව්/නැත (තිබේනම් පිටපතක් අමුණා තිබිය යුතුය)
10) සැපයුම්කාර ආයතනය විසින් ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා ලබා දුන් මිළ ගණන කොපමණ ද? (මිළ ගණන් පත්‍රිකාවේ පිටපතක් අමුණා තිබිය යුතුය)
11) මසක සාමාන්‍ය පාරිභෝජන විදුලි ඒකක ගණන : (පසුගිය වසරේ අවසන් මාස 06 සාමාන්‍ය අගය)
12) ව්‍යාපෘති කාලය (උපරිම වසර 7 ක්) :
13) කමිහලේ සවි කර ඇති ට්‍රාන්ස්පෝමරයේ ධාරිතාවය :
14) ඉල්ලුම් කරන ලද ණය මුදල නිදහස් කිරීමට බැංකුව විසින් එකඟතාවය පල කර තිබේ ද ? - ඔව්/නැත (එකඟතාවය පල කර ඇත්නම් කොන්දේසි සහිත ලිපියේ පිටපතක් අමුණා තිබිය යුතුය)

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