

Solar PLI-II: Govt to invite proposals within a week

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THE NEW AND renewable energy ministry will invite proposals under the second phase of ₹19,500-crore production linked incentive (PLI-II) scheme for solar sector within a week, a senior official said.

The Union Cabinet on September 21, 2022, approved the proposal to implement PLI-II on 'national programme on high-efficiency solar PV modules with an outlay of ₹19,500 crore for achieving manufacturing capacity of giga watt (GW) scale in high-efficiency solar PV modules.

"Our module capacities enlisted in the ALMM (approved list of models and manufacturers) have more than doubled in the last 7.5 years. They are now 20 GW but the same cannot be said about the cells which is 4.5 GW. But in the coming times considering PLI-I,...and now if you consider PLI 2, for which we are confident that the bid (invitation for proposals) will be issued within a week..., the scheme guidelines have already been published," said new & renewable energy secretary Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi addressing at a CII conference on green energy here.

Chaturvedi further said that by 2026, India is looking at the capacities of 38 GW in polysilicons, 56 GW in ingot and wafers, 70-80 GW



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- The second phase of PLI for solar modules has an outlay of ₹19,500 crore
- Cabinet approved the proposal to implement PLI-II on September 21

in cells and 90-100 GW in modules. "Our targets are huge. If you consider 500 GW plans we have, which does not take into account the hydrogen plans, then we have to install approximately 25-35 GW every year. So, the capacities we are planning to install will also be able to cater to this but also to the hydrogen demand and something remaining for exports. So the outlook for solar manufacturing seems good," he noted.