

GO solar by Sept, Haryana tells flat, house owners

Defaulters To Face Steep Penalties

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Gurgaon: The Haryana government has decided to usher in the New Year with one of the biggest pushes for solar power in the country. The state has made it mandatory for all buildings on plot size of 500 square yards or more to install rooftop solar power systems by September 2015.

The order will apply to private bungalows, group housing societies, builder apartments, malls, offices, shopping complexes, schools, hospitals — any building, new or old, that fits the plot size criteria.

The government will offer a 30% subsidy on installation costs on "a first-come-first-served" basis, which means it would depend on availability of funds.

The order, passed by the department of renewable energy is

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SOLAR PANELS TO BE A MUST FOR

- Residences on 500sq yrd plots & above
- Govt buildings, private schools, colleges, hostels etc with connected load of 30kW or more
- Private hospitals, industrial units, malls, banquet halls etc with load of at least 50kW
- All group housing societies, builder flats

eration and ease pressure on its distribution network that is prone to breakdowns, particularly in Gurgaon where demand is very high.

The minimum solar power capacity to be installed is 1 kilo Watt or 5% of a building's load, whichever is higher. A 1 kW plant can generate up to 4.5 units a day, enough to power three fans, seven tube-lights and a cooler for four-five hours, said Sandeep Yadav, project officer of the ren-