

South Delhi Municipal Corporation to produce electricity through solar panels

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NEW DELHI: The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) will soon produce its own electricity from solar panels to be installed at over 400 corporation-owned buildings.

Officials said that apart from powering its own buildings, the south civic body will sell electricity to discoms.

Sources said the North and East Delhi Corporations are mulling a similar move to bring down their power bills.

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corporation aimed to generate 20 megawatt energy on a daily basis and signed an MoU with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

"We have entered into an MoU initially for two years for generation of solar power of around 10MW on roof tops of 400 municipal buildings includ-

ing schools and 10MW on spare vacant land of SDMC," said PK Goel, South Delhi Municipal commissioner.

Goel said the rooftops of municipal buildings will be made available on a zero lease rental basis to the SECI.

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savings in electricity bill and by selling excess power," Goel said.

Officials said while the solar electricity generated from rooftops will be used to power the corporation's offices, the energy generated from the spare vacant land will be sold to the discoms.

"The project will help in curbing pollution as coal-based thermal generation will be restricted. Also the SDMC will benefit by availing the achievement linked incentive scheme launched recently by the ministry of new and renewable energy," said a senior municipal official.