

Rooftop Solar: Mantri Astra Experiences

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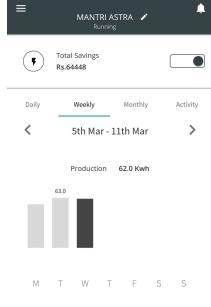
Mantri Astra: RoofTop, Phase 1



Two blocks, 16 floors, 160 flats
Location: 17th floor/roof
10 panels each, three parts,
Together 9.75kWp
Windy – requires less cleaning except
in peak production periods
Good production esp Feb – May
Smooth commissioning process









Mantri Astra Parking Lot Canopy: Phase 2





Experiences & Request to BESCOM / KERC

- EPC was outstanding: PlaySolar
- Phase 1 Rooftop performed well: Feb May peak production (5 deg tilt). BESCOM commissioning experience was smooth.
- GBM approved Phase 2 Solar Parking Lot Canopy (since roof space was owned by individuals) after seeing performance of phase 1
- The system has been installed, PPA signed with BESCOM, awaiting final commissioning. A lot of policy changes in between.
 - 4 months of production lost; and existing PPA was also cancelled 2 months back (currently reinstating at extra cost). Still awaiting final commissioning.
 - Residents like the canopy and it is necessary for apartments to maximize use of solarizable space.

Request to BESCOM / KERC / BAF:

- 1. Please allow parking lot canopy (on approved BBMP locations) as rooftop solar PPA (currently captive after 4 months of discussions with BESCOM)
 - 2. Captive model commissioning needs clarification: process is not clear.

