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Gujarat tops in solar projects with \$2.4 bn investment

NEW DELHI: The Gujarat government has approved 34 solar power projects at an investment of Rs12,000 crore (\$2.4 billion) over the next few years, to rank it the top Indian state for this clean energy, a senior official has said.

"The projects will add 716 MW to our state electricity grid. This is 2-3 per cent of the power requirement," said

a senior official with the state government-run Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA).

"This will make Gujarat India's top investment destination for solar power generation," the official said over phone from state capital Gandhinagar, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Many of the firms setting

up solar power plants are also keen to start manufacturing various components of these plants within the state, he said, pointing out: "This will add to the investment and generate more employment."

He said the solar power plants would generate 1,250 million units of eco-friendly energy every year. IANS