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The CEO of India's biggest solar company has told pv magazine that the Union Government's plans to install 100 GW of solar include an unofficial commitment to sourcing a quarter of the modules from domestic manufacturers. In a revelation that will make interesting reading to the parties to the ongoing World Trade Organization dispute between the U.S. and India over the domestic content requirement (DCR) of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, the head of Tata Power Solar said Indian manufacturers and Narendra Modi's government had a gentleman's agreement arising out of the conclusions arising last year from the anti dumping investigation. "The government has committed, unofficially, to having around 25% of modules made in India," Ajay Goel, CEO of Tata Power Solar, told pv magazine. "When we and other domestic manufacturers agreed to withdraw the anti-dumping petition, it was on the understanding the government would make a commitment to the domestic market in return. "We think that will be around 25%. That number may go up or down, and I don't think we will get a formal commitment to a fixed amount but we don't expect the government to backtrack on that understanding." In an attempt to get around that agreement, U.S. thin film giant First Solar has already opened talks about manufacturing panels in India in return for made-in-India status, according to Goel. "We will see a lot more Chinese products coming into India but also other foreign manufacturers will be starting," he added, "which will be good news for our manufacturing base and employment." The Tata Solar chief has welcomed the government's ambitious plans and outlined his company's plans to retain their current market share of an Indian solar market which he says is expected to grow up to five times in the next few years. "With the 100 GW target," added Goel, "India will become a player on the world market. This puts India on the map. "We will have to be hyper-competitive because the new focus on India will bring other big players into our domestic market. "I think 100 GW is ambitious and super-visionary. ...

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