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## India's distributed solar market at the cusp of buoyancy

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*It, however, faces challenges in the light of uncertainty in government regulations, such as anti-dumping and safeguard duties, says Vivek Subramanian, co-founder, Fourth Partner Energy.*

The Year (2018) is expected to be another growth year for distributed solar market in India with various stakeholders like the government, component manufacturers, EPC players and most importantly end consumers, who will benefit from the viability of this technology. This is expected to increase the demand for distributed solar in both the Business-to-Business (B2B) and Business-to-Consumer (B2C) segments.

Distributed solar is set to become a norm for industries in 2018, as there is too much value in electricity cost savings for a fairly convenient implementation. Still, uncertainty in government regulations, like the antidumping duty and safeguard duty, will be a key challenge facing the industry.

Here's what we predict for the distributed solar energy market in 2018:

New technologies like flexible panels, floating plants, Building-Integrated Photovoltaics [BIPV], etc. will be in demand and see high growth. Their global track record will provide customers in India comfort to try newer options.

String inverter manufacturers will introduce models with higher sizes and the cost/ kW will drop further.

Availability of Capital, both Debt & Equity to dramatically improve. This will fuel an explosion of capacities in the industry. Parallely, we