

Energy Conservation Act, 2001

Section 15 - Power of State Government to enforce certain provisions for efficient use of energy and its conservation.—The State

(a) amend the 2[energy conservation and sustainable building codes] to suit the regional and local climatic conditions and may, by rules made by it, specify and notify 3[energy conservation and sustainable building codes] with respect to use of energy in the buildings 3[and implement the same through building bye-laws of the State]; (b) direct every owner or occupier of a building or building complex being a designated consumer to comply with the provisions of the 3[energy conservation and sustainable building codes]; (c) direct, if considered necessary for efficient use of energy and its conservation, any designated consumer referred to in clause (b) to get energy audit conducted by an accredited energy auditor in such manner and at such intervals of time as may be specified by regulations; (d) designate any agency as designated agency to coordinate, regulate and enforce provisions of this Act within the State; (e) take all measures necessary to create awareness and disseminate information for efficient use of energy and its conservation; (f) arrange and organise training of personnel and specialists in the techniques for efficient use of energy and its conservation; (g) take steps to encourage preferential treatment for use of energy efficient equipment or appliances; (h) direct, any designated consumer to furnish to the designated agency, in such form and manner and within such period as may be specified by rules made by it, information with regard to the energy consumed by such consumer; 4 [(ha) levy such fee as may be prescribed for the services rendered by the designated agency to promote efficient use of energy and its conservation under this Act;] (i) specify the matters to be included for the purposes of inspection under sub-section (2) of section 17. 4 [15A. Budget of designated agency. The designated agency shall prepare, in such form and at such time in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure and forward the same to the State Government, which shall include the same in the annual budget.]