

Energy Conservation Act 2001

Section 14 - Power of Central Government to Enforce Efficient Use of Energy and Its Conservation

The Central Government may, by notification, in consultation with the Bureau,--

- (a) Specify the norms for processes and energy consumption standards for any equipment, appliance which consumes, generates, transmits or supplies energy;
- (b) Specify equipment or appliance or class of equipments or appliances, as the case may be, for the purposes of this Act;
- (c) Prohibit manufacture or sale or purchase or import of equipment or appliance specified under clause (b), unless such equipment or appliance conforms to energy consumption standards:

Provided that no notification prohibiting manufacture or sale or purchase or import of equipment or appliance shall be issued within two years from the date of notification issued under clause (a) of this section;

- (d) Direct display of such particulars on label on equipment or on appliance specified under clause (b) and in such manner as may be specified by regulations;
- (e) Specify, having regard to the intensity or quantity of energy consumed and the amount of investment required for switching over to energy efficient equipments and capacity of industry to invest in it and availability of the energy efficient machinery and equipment required by the industry, any user or class of users of energy as a designated consumer for the purposes of this Act;
- (f) Alter the list of Energy Intensive Industries specified in the Schedule;
- (g) Establish and prescribe such energy consumption norms and standards for designated consumers as it may consider necessary:

Provided that the Central Government may prescribe different norms and standards for different designated consumers having regard to such factors as may be prescribed;

- (h) Direct, having regard to quality of energy consumed or the norms and standards of energy consumption specified under clause (a), the Energy Intensive. Industries specified in the Schedule to get energy audit conducted by an accredited energy auditor in such manner and intervals of time as may be specified by regulations;
- (i) Direct, if considered necessary for efficient use of energy and its conservation, any designated consumer to get energy audit conducted by an accredited energy auditor;
- (j) Specify the matters to be included for the purposes of inspection under subsection (2) of section 17;
- (k) Direct any designated consumer to furnish to the designated agency, in such form and manner and within such period, as may be prescribed, the information with regard to the energy consumed and action taken on the recommendation of the accredited energy auditor;

(l) Direct any designated consumer to designate or appoint energy manager in charge of activities for efficient use of energy and its conservation and submit a report, in the form and manner as may be prescribed, on the status of energy consumption at the end of every financial year to the designated agency;

(m) Prescribe minimum qualification for energy managers to be designated or appointed under clause (1);

(n) Direct every designated consumer to comply with energy consumption norms and standards;

(o) Direct any designated consumer, who does not fulfill the energy consumption norms and standards prescribed under clause (g), to prepare a scheme for efficient use of energy and its conservation and implement such scheme keeping in view the economic viability of the investment in such form and manner as may be prescribed;

(p) Prescribe energy conservation building codes for efficient use of energy and its conservation in the building or building complex; .

(q) Amend the energy conservation building codes to suit the regional and local climatic conditions;

(r) Direct every owner or occupier of the building or building complex, being a designated consumer to comply with the provisions of energy conservation building codes for efficient use of energy and its conservation;

(s) Direct, any designated consumer referred to in clause (r), if considered necessary, for efficient use of energy and its conservation in his building to get energy audit conducted in respect of such building by an accredited energy auditor in such manner and intervals of time as may be specified by regulations;

(t) Take all measures necessary to create awareness and disseminate information for efficient use of energy and its conservation;

(u) Arrange and organize training of personnel and specialists in the techniques for efficient use of energy and its conservation;

(v) Take steps to encourage preferential treatment for use of energy efficient equipment or appliances:

Provided that the powers under clauses (p) to (s) shall be exercised in consultation with the concerned State.