

- (sa) conduct examination for capacity building and strengthening of services in the field of energy conservation including certification of energy managers and energy auditors;
- (t) implement international co-operation programmes relating to efficient use of energy and its conservation as may be assigned to it by the Central Government;
- (u) perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **POWER OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE AND ENFORCE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY AND ITS CONSERVATION**

#### **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 a period of six months from the date of notification issued under clause (a) of this section:

PROVIDED FURTHER that the Central Government may, having regard to the market share and the technological development having impact on equipment or appliance, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the said period of six months referred to in the first proviso by a further period not exceeding six months;

- (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 in the energy intensive industries and other establishments as specified in the schedule as a designated consumer for the purposes of this Act;
- (f) after 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 quantity 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 matter to be included for the purposes of inspection under sub-section (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 auditors and energy managers to be designated or appointed under clause (l);
- (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, the time within which and the 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 organise 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.

#### **COMMENT**

This section provides power of Central Government to facilitate and enforce efficient use of energy and its conservation.

#### **14A. Power of Central Government to issue energy savings certificate**

(1) The Central Government may issue the energy savings certificate to the designated consumer whose energy consumption is less than the prescribed norms and standards in accordance with the procedure as may be prescribed.

(2) The designated consumer whose energy consumption is more than the prescribed norms and standards shall be entitled to purchase the energy savings certificate to comply with the prescribed norms and standards.

**14B. Power of Central Government to specify value of energy**

The Central Government may, in consultation with the Bureau, prescribe the value of per metric ton of oil equivalent of energy consumed for the purpose of this Act.]

**CHAPTER VI**

**POWER OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE AND ENFORCE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY AND ITS CONSERVATION**

**15. Power of State Government to enforce certain provisions for efficient use of energy and its conservation**

The State Government may, by notification, in consultation with the Bureau—

- (a) amend the energy conservation building codes to suit the regional and local climatic conditions and may, by rules made by it, specify and notify energy conservation building codes with respect to use of energy in the buildings;
- (b) direct every owner or occupier of a building or building complex being a designated consumer to comply with the provisions of the energy conservation 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;
- (i) specify the matters to be included for the purposes of inspection under sub-section (2) of section 17.

**COMMENT**

This section provides power of State Government to facilitate and enforce efficient use of energy and its conservation.

**16. Establishment of Fund by State Government**

(1) The State Government shall constitute a Fund to be called the State Energy Conservation Fund for the purposes of promotion of efficient use of energy and its conservation within the State.