

Dated, Chandigarh, the May 30th 2013

To,

All Heads of the Departments,
Commissioners of Divisions,
Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court,
District and Sessions Judges and
Deputy Commissioners in the State.

Sub: Procurement of energy efficient electrical appliances.

Sir,

I have been directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that energy is the most critical element for economic development and its availability has to be ensured on sustainable basis. In recent times, the demand of energy is growing manifold, whereas the energy sources are becoming scarce and costlier. As such efficient use of energy and its conservation has a great importance and it is important to reduce the consumption of energy.

2. The Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance in consultations with the Ministry of Power and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) have issued instructions to all Ministries/ Department and their subordinate offices that while procuring appliances indicated below, they should ensure that they carry the threshold BEE Star Rating indicated against them, or higher and the threshold ratings have been finalized based on a life cycle cost analysis carried out by BEE:-

Appliance	Threshold star rating
Split Air Conditioners	5 star (under normal conditions where annual usages are expected to be more than 1000 hrs.) 3 star (where usage of AC is limited, e.g. in Conference Rooms)
Frost Free Refrigerators	4 star
Ceiling Fans	5 star
Water Heaters	5 Star

3. The Government of Punjab after careful consideration has decided to adopt these threshold star ratings of these appliances while these are procured by the Administrative Departments/ Departments and their sub offices of the Government of Punjab. It is made clear that the provisions of Punjab Financial Rules/Instructions will apply mutatis mutandis on the procurement of these appliances as heretofore. The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), which is nodal agency to enforce the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, is being requested, separately, to ensure that adequate number of manufacturers/ models of the prescribed Star rating are available to enable competitive procurement.

4. Punjabi version of these instructions will follow.

Punjab Energy Dev. Agency
Chandigarh

Hardeep Arora
Under Secretary Finance

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- (i) The Chief Secretary to Government Punjab, Chandigarh.
- (ii) All the Financial Commissioners and the Principal, Secretaries to Government of Punjab
- (iii) All the Administrative Secretaries to Government, Punjab.
- (iv) Director, Public Enterprises and Disinvestment, Pb, Chandigarh, with the request to ensure implementation of the decision in the State Autonomous bodies/ Boards/ Corporations etc.

Paulish Arya
Under Secretary Finance

✓ A copy is forwarded to the Director, Punjab Energy Development Agency, Sector 33, Chandigarh with the request that adequate number of manufactures/ models of the prescribed star rating may be ensured to be available to enable competitive procurement.

Paulish Arya
Under Secretary Finance

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- i) The Accountant General (Audit), Punjab, Chandigarh,
- ii) The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab, Chandigarh

Paulish Arya
Under Secretary Finance

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh, Finance Department, Shimla.
2. The Secretary Government of Haryana, Finance Department, Chandigarh.
3. The Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration, (U.T.) Chandigarh.
4. Additional Director, Internal Audit Organization (R), Sector 22D, Chandigarh.
5. Examiner Local Fund Accounts, Punjab, Chandigarh.
6. All the Deputy Controllers (Finance and Account), IAO(R), Punjab, Chandigarh.
7. All the District Treasury Officers/Treasury Officers/ in the State for information and necessary action.
8. The President, Punjab State Accounts Services Association (Registered) Sector 22-D, Chandigarh.

Paulish Arya
Under Secretary Finance