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Nine industries to be in energy net

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NEW DELHI: After electrical appliances, it's now the turn of industry to flaunt efficiency tag for electricity use.

The power ministry is poised to identify nine industries as 'designated consumers' under the Energy Conservation Act which will make it mandatory for these industries to compulsorily report their energy usage, carry out energy audits and report the energy efficiency measures undertaken by them.

According to power secretary Anil Razdan, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency has been carrying out an exercise throughout the country to certify energy auditors and energy managers who can support the designated consumers in their mandatory reporting requirements.

Delivering the first Bureau of Energy Efficiency foundation day lecture on Thursday, Razdan said the ministry would soon require makers of appliances such as refrigerators and air-conditioners to mandatorily display the energy efficiency label.

"These labels would help consumers to find out the electricity usage of an appliance which will result in savings for consumers as well as lower the demand from power utilities," he said.

Besides awareness about efficiency, there was also a need to spread the message of "energy modesty" through which consumers not only use energy efficient appliances but also minimise non-essential usage.

Such an approach will save consumers large amounts on their power bills and also reduce the chances of blackouts and brownouts.
