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Ministry of Power

ENERGY CONSERVATION AWARDS

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Indian industrial units, office buildings, hotels and zonal railways, who are leading the way in becoming more energy efficient, are being recognized and awarded by Ministry of Power on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day, the 14th December 2006 in New Delhi. These annual awards recognize innovation and achievements in energy conservation by the Industry; buildings & railways and raise awareness.

The Union Minister of Power, Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, will give away the Energy Conservation Awards to those units who have made outstanding achievements. Sixty one (61) units in the industries, office buildings, hotels and zonal railways have been selected from 388 nominations received for the National Energy Conservation Award 2006. This year 1 Top Rank Award, 17 First Prizes, 24 Second Prizes and 19 Certificate of Merits are being awarded. The awardees have demonstrated a high degree of commitment to energy conservation.

The Award Scheme has motivated the participating units to undertake serious efforts in saving energy. The data pertaining to 388 participating units indicated that these units have been able to collectively avoid generation of 1288 million kWh/year of electrical energy, which is equivalent to the energy generated from a 245 MW thermal power station at a PLF of 60% in 2005-2006. In the monetary terms, these units have been able to save Rs.1135 crores per year on account of electrical and thermal energy saved during the year 2005-2006.

In the last 8 years of Award scheme of the period 1999-2006, the participating industrial units have collectively saved Rs 5182 crores per year and the investment made on energy efficiency projects was recovered back in 17 months time period. In energy terms, 1112 MW of electrical power, 15.14lakh kilolitre of oil, 45.75 lakh metric tonne of coal and 17.66 billion cubic metre of gas was saved during the above period.

Inspired by overwhelming response of last two awareness campaign on energy conservation, National Campaign on Energy Conservation, 2007 will also be launched by the Union Minister of Power to create the awareness about efficient use of energy and its conservation.

Shri Shinde will also release two books on Energy Conservation Manuals and Codes which will assist energy auditors and energy managers in energy audit and its implementation.

The Minister will also give away the prizes to 11 children whose paintings were adjudged as the best in the National Painting Competition. About four lakh students from 18000 schools across the country participated in the Painting Competition organized by the Ministry of Power through Bureau of Energy Efficiency. Energy Conservation was the theme of the three -tier event organized as part of National Campaign on Energy Conservation 2006. The state level painting competition was held on 14th November 2006 and winners from 35 States and Union Territories (2 each) participated in the final held in New Delhi yesterday.

The paintings drawn by children reflected their interest in the energy conservation activities and their concern about energy crises. The expressions by the tiny-tots gave

inspiring ideas. The vibrant designs, confidence and clear understanding of the topic, remarkable composure, creating marvels in energy conservation ideas in an effective way were some of the features these impressive paintings displayed.

The progressive industrial units and other establishments have already realized the cost effectiveness of energy conservation measures and honouring their efforts on National Energy Conservation Day, gives a message to thousands of other industrial units and establishments who may have not yet fully utilized their cost effective potential through energy conservation.

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