

'MEDA Bags National Award for Energy Conservation activities to retain its First Position



Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA), Pune has once again won the National level Award for the best performance as the State Designated Agency in energy conservation and energy efficiency activities. Shri. Hemant Patil, Head of Energy Conservation Department, MEDA received the award at the hands of Hon'ble Minister of State for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy, GoI (Independent Charge), Shri. Piyush Goyal in the award ceremony organised on 14th December, 2016. MEDA has received this prestigious National Award for the fourth time.

Government of Maharashtra has notified Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA) to be the State Designated Agency to implement the provisions of the Energy Conservation Act. MEDA has been in the forefront since 2001 in the promotion of the activities related to energy conservation and energy efficiency.

MEDA, under the helm of Director General Shri. Nitin Gadre, has given due importance to the conservation of energy by formulating several schemes for promotion of energy audit and energy efficient technologies in different sectors. The Government of Maharashtra has approved some of the major resolutions and policies proposed by MEDA. The Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Maharashtra State and Chairman of MEDA, Shri. Chandrashekhar Bawankule and Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Maharashtra State and Vice-Chairman of MEDA, Shri. Madan Yerawar have congratulated the MEDA team on its brilliant performance.

The major achievements of MEDA include Mandatory use of Environment Friendly resources in construction of new Government/ Semi-Government Buildings to promote Green Buildings, introduction of new scheme for providing financial assistance for implementation of LED streetlights in 'C' Class Municipal Council, introduction of new Scheme for providing financial assistance for implementation of Energy Conservation Demonstration Projects in SME sector, implementation of highest number of Energy Conservation Demonstration Projects in Government Building. MEDA has also made mandatory use of 4 and 5 star labeled products in Govt./ Semi Govt./ Local Govt. organizations. Total financial assistance of Rs. 323 lakhs provided. This includes State share of Rs. 231 lakhs.

The energy savings through various activities undertaken by different stake holders has been assessed to be 274 MW equivalent avoided capacity addition.