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PART II

Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
(Power Division)  
[NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY]

NOTIFICATION

*Islamabad, the 15th March, 2024*

S. R. O. 416(I)/2024.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 21 read with the sub-section (3) of the section 4 and sub-section (u) of section 7 of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, 2016, the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Board, in consultation with the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, is pleased to notify the Energy Conservation Building Codes (for Efficient Use of Energy), 2023:-

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This code shall be called the Energy Conservation Building Code (for Efficient Use of Energy), 2023.

(2) This code shall come into force at once.

(1017)

Price : Rs. 6.00

[7379 (2024)/Ex. Gaz.]

2. **Definitions.**—Unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “Act” means the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, 2016 (XXX of 2016);
- (b) “Code” means the Code annexed to this SRO;

3. **Application.**—(1) This code shall apply to all types of new and old buildings situated throughout Pakistan.

(2) The Provincial Governments may amend the Code in accordance with their respective climatic conditions and jurisdiction, as outlined in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Act.

(3) The Code shall apply to the engineering design of buildings and building clusters meeting any of the following criteria, namely:—

- (a) a total connected load of 50 kW or greater;
- (b) a contract demand of 75 kVA or greater;
- (c) a conditioned area of 200 m<sup>2</sup> or greater; or
- (d) unconditioned buildings with a covered area of 300 m<sup>2</sup> or more.

(4) The scope of the Code is applicable to provide minimum energy efficiency requirements for the design and construction of the following, namely:—

- (a) new building and systems thereof;
- (b) new portions of existing buildings and systems thereof, if the conditioned area or connected load exceeds the limit prescribed under para-3 (sub-section-3);
- (c) new systems and new equipment in existing buildings; and
- (d) increase in the electricity load beyond the limit prescribed under para-3 (sub-section-3).

4. **Punishment for contravention.**—Any person who contravenes the provisions of the Act, and the Code shall be liable to the punishment in accordance with the Act.

5. **Periodical revision.**—The Code shall continue in force unless reviewed every three years for earlier updates to ensure ongoing relevance and effectiveness.

6. **Repeal.**—The provisions of the Pakistan Engineering Council (Conduct and Practices of Consulting Engineers) Bye-laws, 1986 to the extent of matters covered under this code are hereby repealed.

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