



**MINISTRY OF CIVIL SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS**  
**MAURITIUS**

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**Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms**  
**Circular Letter No. 48 of 2005**  
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**From: Senior Chief Executive**  
**To : Heads of Units**

**Energy Saving Campaign**

Please see attached a copy of Circular No 5 of 2005 from the Ministry of Public Utilities in the context of the Energy Saving Campaign.

2. The Circular highlights a series of simple measures which, if applied, can contribute significantly to a reduction of electricity consumption in the public sector.
3. We should be grateful if you could arrange for the contents of the attached circular to be brought to the attention of all your officers and ensure that they comply with the instructions.
4. We rely on your support for the Energy Saving Campaign to be a success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Jhugroo'.

(P. Jhugroo)  
for Senior Chief Executive

# GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS

MY REF. MPU/VI/19/3

YOUR REF.

10 October, 2005

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## Circular No. 5 of 2005

*From :* Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Utilities

*To :* Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries

**SUBJECT : Energy Saving Campaign**

Over the past few years, the price of petroleum products has been witnessing an alarming upshoot on the world market. Mauritius, like all other Small Island Developing States, is very vulnerable to such externalities. In fact, the sustained increase is having a disastrous effect on our economy. Moreover, this increase in the price of petroleum products is resulting into an unbearable burden on the country's energy import bill. It is, therefore, imperative to build up a national effort and solidarity to promote the judicious use of energy and, above all, to avoid waste.

2. In the circumstance, this Ministry has launched an Energy Saving Campaign on 29 September, 2005. This constitutes the first step in the overall strategy of Government to reduce the national energy bill. Undisputably, the effectiveness of the campaign is tributary to the support and co-operation of one and all.

3. In a bid to succeed and reckoning with the principle that policy drives results, this Ministry is targeting to reduce electricity consumption in the public sector by at least 10%. This can be achieved through the application of very simple measures in our housekeeping without affecting our work environment. Indicatively, the following measures could be applied :

- (i) making maximum use of natural lighting and to switch on the lights only when required;
- (ii) switching off the lights and the air conditioners when leaving the office;
- (iii) avoiding excessive heat gain from the sun in an air-conditioned office by using blinds or curtains;
- (iv) keeping the doors and other openings in air-conditioned offices closed with a view to reducing losses;

- (v) setting air conditioners at a reasonable temperature;
- (vi) avoiding, to the extent possible, to have intensive heat emitting equipment, such as photocopying machines, in air-conditioned areas.
- (vii) avoiding to leave any equipment (except computers) on stand-by when not in use; and
- (viii) keeping computers on the stand-by mode when not in use during working hours.

4. The above list of measures is not exhaustive and can, if applied, contribute significantly to a reduction in the electricity consumption. A simple action very often suffices; for example, displaying conspicuously in every office (a) a copy of the enclosed label to remind staff members of the need to save energy.

5. As responsible Public Officers, we are all committed to the cause. We are prepared to urge and encourage our colleagues/staff members to participate in the national effort. We should do it to render the country less vulnerable to the upsurge in the prices of petroleum products.

6. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that, as far as possible, the above measures are implemented in your organisation. This will certainly help in developing an energy saving culture in the Public Sector, hoping that it will have a multiplier effect.

7. To gauge the impact of this first step in the overall Government strategy, this Ministry will, with the help of the Central Electricity Board, monitor the trend in terms of electricity consumption in Government buildings as from next month.

8. This Ministry relies on your support to make of this initiative a successful one.



(S. K. Pather)  
Permanent Secretary

Copy to : Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service



**Please turn off  
the lights and  
air conditioner when  
these facilities  
are not required**