

ABSTRACT

The focus of this dissertation is energy efficiency in the building sector in India. It first seeks to understand the underlying factors that motivate energy efficiency at the international level. It takes a closer look at policies and methods adopted in Europe and the US to promote energy efficiency in the building sector. The evolution of policies, codes, standards and ratings in India for the building sector is traced. Based on a critical analysis of these codes and standards and based on learning from detailed discussions held with some experts in Chennai suggestions are made for further research and policy directions.