

# Understanding the AC Control Bill, 2025

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## Understanding the AC Control Bill, 2025: Energy Efficiency vs Personal Freedom

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### Context

To address rising energy consumption and promote sustainable cooling practices, the **Union Ministry of Power** has proposed a draft legislation titled the **Ease of Cooling (Regulation and Control) Act, 2025**. While presented in a satirical tone, the Act humorously highlights the tension between **energy efficiency**, **individual comfort**, and **regulatory overreach**, using air conditioner (AC) usage as the focal point.

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### Title, Extent & Commencement

- **Short Title:** Ease of Cooling (Regulation and Control) Act, 2025
  - **Extent:** Applies to the **entire super built-up area** of residential properties, including **balcony spaces** used for flower pots.
  - **Commencement:** Comes into effect when **any AC is installed and begins functioning** in a household.
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### Key Definitions

- **Individual Resident:** Any person with **government-approved ID** (Aadhaar, PAN, Voter ID), preferably associated with a **carbon-based life form**.
- **Permissible Temperature Range (PTR):** Defined as **20°C to 28°C**.
- **Temperature Rakshak Sangh (TRAKS):** A volunteer group equipped with **government-**

**issued thermal scanners** to monitor indoor AC settings and compliance.

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## Purpose of the Act

- To promote **climate-sensitive behaviour** in managing cooling needs.
  - To reduce **household electricity bills** through regulated AC usage.
  - To encourage a **balanced approach** to indoor comfort and environmental responsibility.
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## Mandatory Compliance Requirements

- **AC manufacturers and retailers** must:
    - Lock default AC settings within the **PTR (20°C-28°C)**.
    - Ensure customers complete **Know Your AC (KYAC)** formalities before taking delivery.
  - **Residents** must:
    - Download the **DigiTapMan app**.
    - Register the AC using **Aadhaar-based login**.
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## Enforcement Mechanism

- **TRAKS volunteers** are authorised to:
  - **Enter any AC-enabled residence**, including **bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, and utility areas**.
  - Conduct **random checks**, regardless of time (day or night).

- **If violations are found**, such as:

- AC temperature set **outside the PTR**,
- Ambient temperature **below acceptable range**,
- **No visible signs of sweating**,  
Then TRAKS may:
- **Seize non-compliant AC units**.
- **Accept voluntary donations** to a political party in exchange for letting the violator go.

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## Appeal Mechanism

- Any aggrieved resident may file an **appeal** before an **Appellate Authority**, to be notified by the **Central Government**.

