**Man Mounted Air Conditioning System**

**Background:**

Microclimate cooling garments has been found to be very effective in alleviating effects of high temperature. A solid state cooling system, called Man Mounted Air Conditioning System (MMACS), has been developed by DIPAS on the principle of ‘Peltier Effect’.

**Key Features:**

* Thermoelectric cooling is based on ‘Peltier Effect’ in which current passed around a circuit of different materials, one junction gets heated while other junction is cooled depending on the direction of current flow.
* Design of components was carried out by thermal impedance matching principle.
* The cooling systems, employing this technology are solid state and CFC gas free device. These are highly reliable , low power consuming, and easily maintainable devices.
* The portable unit would be meant for individual use. Cooling unit weighting of 1500 gm and battery of 750 gm. Power requirement is 3 AMP and 12 V and this rechargeable battery provide power support for period 150 minutes. The unit would be a wearable on body and the user will be able to carry the unit comfortably (light weight).

**Potential Applications:**

* The unit can be used to provide microclimatic cooling and if direction of current flow is reversed its capable of providing heat.
* The system can be used as both microclimate cooling and heating device for working in extreme high and sub-zero ambient temperature.

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