

4. An electric heater supplies heat to a system at a rate of 100W. If system performs work at a rate of 75 Joules per second. At what rate is the internal energy increasing?

Sol. Heat is supplied to the system at a rate of 100 W.

∴ Heat supplied, $Q = 100 \text{ J/s}$

The system performs at a rate of 75 J/s.

∴ Work done, $W = 75 \text{ J/s}$

From the first law of thermodynamics, we have:

$$Q = U + W$$

Where,

$U =$ Internal energy

$$\therefore U = Q - W$$

$$= 100 - 75$$

$$= 25 \text{ J/s}$$

$$= 25 \text{ W}$$

Therefore, the internal energy of the given electric heater increases at a rate of 25 W.