GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1968 ANSWERED ON:24.08.2007 DISPOSAL OF FUSED CFL BULBS Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to environmental experts, Compact Fluorescent Lamps are highly health hazarders;
- (b) if so, whether the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) had decided to set up 50 centres across the country where fused CFLs can be disposed of;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the sites selected for setting up facilities centre, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which such centres are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

- (a): It has been reported that the amount of mercury in Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) ranges from 1.3 milligram to 5 milligram, which does not pose health hazard to humans as long as the bulbs are intact or in use. Further, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has constituted a task force on 14.08.2007 to evolve a policy on safe management of mercury from CFL.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise.