

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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BACHAT LAMP YOJANA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced `Bachat Lamp Yojana` in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Yojana is likely to be implemented all over the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : Hon`ble Minister of Power announced the Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY) during his welcome address on the occasion of the Chief Ministers` Conference on 28.05.2007. Accordingly, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, a statutory body set up under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, prepared a scheme with an estimated cost of Rs.48 crores and this was approved by the Hon`ble Minister of Power after being recommended by the Expenditure Finance Committee in its meeting held on 4.10.2007. The basic tenet of the scheme is to provide efficient Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) at the same cost of the incandescent bulbs by leveraging Certified Emission Reduction (CERs). The scheme proposes to replace about 400 million incandescent bulbs leading to a possible reduction of about 4000 MW of electricity demand, and a reduction of about 24 million tonnes of CO2 emissions every year. The first pilot project at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) has been approved by the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Executive Board.

(c) : End of XI Plan, i.e., March, 2012 is the timeframe for implementing the scheme in the entire nation.