

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF CFLS

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to offer subsidy for the free replacement of the incandescent bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to engage civil society and private companies to promote the use of CFLs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) – a statutory body under the Ministry of Power – has prepared a nationwide scheme, Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY), through which private-sector suppliers would provide Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) at the cost of an incandescent lamp i.e. Rs.15/-. The cost differential would be recovered by the private-sector suppliers through the carbon credits that accrue because of lower CO2 emissions due to the use of energy efficient CFLs under the Clean Development Mechanism. Two pilot projects in Andhra Pradesh and Haryana have distributed CFLs. In order to minimize the transaction costs associated with the preparation and registration of a large number of CDM projects, BEE has prepared a Small-Scale Programme of Activities (SSC-PoA) which will coordinate as the Programme of Activities Managing entity. The PoA has been submitted for registration to the CDM Executive Board. Each individual CDM project developed by the private-sector CFL supplier would be an add-on to this SSC-PoA.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Prior to submission of the SSC-PoA for registration, BEE carried out stakeholder consultations on BLY in Delhi, Bangalore, Guwahati in March-April, 2009 by engaging the civil society, private companies and other stakeholders to promote the scheme.

(e): Does not arise.