

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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HIGH PRICE OF CFLs  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the in affordability of Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to reduce production cost and this make available CFLs at concessional rates to all the consumers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any directions given to the State Governments by Union Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) : The Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY) has been launched to promote energy efficient and high quality Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) as replacement for incandescent bulbs in households. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), is coordinating voluntary efforts under this scheme to provide high-quality CFLs to domestic consumers at a rate comparable to that of incandescent bulbs. The price reduction would be achieved by utilizing the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol through which the CFL suppliers would earn Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs) on the basis of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions that would occur because of the low electricity consumption of CFLs compared to incandescent bulbs.

(d) & (e) : The Bureau of Energy Efficiency has issued letters from time to time to the State Governments requesting them to implement the scheme within their jurisdiction. The States of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan have already taken up implementation of this project. Goa & Tripura have shown interest in BLY. In addition, Himachal Pradesh has already distributed over 60 lakh CFLs to households.