



India's First CDM PoA (Bachat Lamp Yojana) registered

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The Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY) conceived as CDM Programme of Activity (PoA) for mass distribution of Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) in India has been registered successfully by the CDM-Executive Board on 29 April 2010. This is the first PoA to be registered from India and third in the World. The Programme has been developed to promote energy efficient lighting in India. State level Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) that join this programme would distribute high quality CFLs at about Rs. 15 per piece to their consumers and in return take back a working incandescent lamp (ICL).

At present the share of incandescent lamps (ICL) lighting in both residential and commercial sector put together is nearly 80% in India. The penetration of CFLs in households has been low on account of the high price of the CFLs, which is generally 8 to 10 times the cost of incandescent bulbs.

The Programme would not only help the reduction of peak load in the country but also lead to a potential reduction of over 6,000 MW in electricity demand.
