

# CFL supply order to HP completed, says firm

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LEADING CFL manufacturer HPL Group today claimed that supply order of Rs 40 lakh CFL bulbs to Himachal government had been completed. He said that supplied bulbs were environment friendly as they had been made from world-class quality material.

In the next phase, the company's R&D wing is also working to find ways for safe disposal of the used CFL bulbs despite the fact that the bulbs had very less mercury contents i.e up to three mgs as compared to 7 to 8 mgs in normal conditions.

The technology used in the manufacturing could very well withstand varied climactic conditions of the hills, says Lalit Seth, chairman of the company at a press conference.

Seth said the HPL's Sonapat-based unit has commissioned state-of-the-art CFL manufacturing

plant with 25 lakh pm capacity to meet growing need of 0.85 Power Factor (PF) bulbs. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has already made 0.85 PF mandatory from January 1, 2009.

Speaking to mediapersons, Seth said the CFL market was growing and if other states like Himachal Pradesh followed suit, the country would save at least Rs 20,000 to Rs 25,000 crore only by switching over to CFL use.

If such an amount was ploughed back in the power generation, this could help in meeting huge power shortfall, the HPL chairman said.

The company, which is expected to have a turnover of Rs 630 crores during the year has entered into equity partnership SO-COMEC, a French company for indigenously manufacturing CFL bulbs and a new range of hi-tech electrical products like automatic transfer switches and electronic energy meters.