

1	2
North Eastern	15
Northeast Frontier	3
North Western	4
Southern	438
South Central	16
South Eastern	29
South East Central	0
South Western	8
Western	38
West Central	5
TOTAL :	634

Use of CFLs by Railways

***617. SHRI ANIL H. LAD:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a move to save substantial energy, Railways have taken a massive project for replacement of conventional incandescent bulbs with CFLs in over 6.5 lakh railway quarters across the country;

(b) if so, whether the save-energy project by Railways is being subsidized by any NGO; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Ministry of Railways awarded a contract through competitive bidding for supply of Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) to Railway employees residing in Railway colonies free of cost. The firm will recover this cost through Carbon Credits to be earned from the execution of this project, as a result of savings of electricity consumption as also reduction in emission of carbon dioxide because of the higher efficiency of CFLs. Railway will also earn 3% of the Carbon Credits accruing from the project.

Price-hike of pulses

***618. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:** Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to extend ban on export of pulses by another year besides allowing duty-free imports till 31 March, 2011 with four lakh tonnes of pulses distributed through the scheme;