

1	2	3	4
25.	West Bengal	Damodar, Ganga and Barakar	3
26.	Nagaland	Dhansiri	1
27.	Sikkim	Dikchu, Teesta, Maney Khola and Ranichu	4
TOTAL			150

Safe disposal of toxic waste in FTL and CFL

633. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force appointed by the Ministry on the Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury in the Fluorescent Lamp sector has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of its findings and main recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the safe disposal of the toxic waste found in the fluorescent tube lights (FTL) and compact fluorescent lamps (CFL)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN):

(a) to (c) Ministry of Environment and Forests had constituted a Task Force to evolve a policy on “Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury in Fluorescent Lamps”. A Technical Committee, constituted by this Task Force, had prepared “Guidelines for Environmentally Sound Mercury Management in Fluorescent Lamps Sector”. These guidelines prescribe the best practices at various levels, such as at manufacturer’s level and include aspects relate to mercury consumption, process technology, raw mercury distillation, on-site storage, treatment, recycling and disposal of mercury bearing wastes, mercury spill management. The best practices at consumer’s level include handling of used/broken lamps, consumer awareness pertaining to collection, transport, treatment and disposal of used fluorescent lamps.

Ministry of Environment and Forests and Central Pollution Control Board have written to all the State Governments and Union Territories to encourage establishment of recycling units so that the fused Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) and Fluorescent Tube Lights (FTLs) are properly collected and the mercury is recovered and recycled scientifically and safely.

Conservation of wetland in Greater Noida

634. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: